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Cincinnati, Ohio



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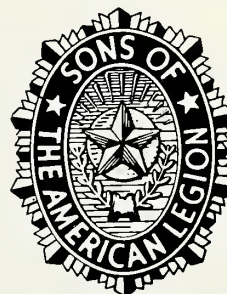
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To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred percent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our associations in the Great Wars; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.



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68th
National Convention



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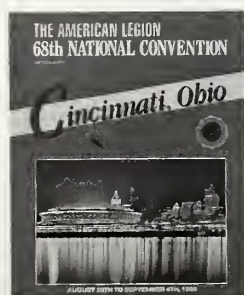
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The American Legion 1986 Convention Program Cincinnati, Ohio

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About the Cover: The night lights of Cincinnati's skyline, site of the 68th National Convention of The American Legion, are reflected in the water of the Ohio River creating

a magnificent view of the Queen city. Riverfront Stadium is shown at the left, home of the Bengals and the Reds. *Cover photograph by Brand Photography.*

A Year of Unity and Strength

WELCOME TO CINCINNATI and The American Legion's 68th annual National Convention. The warm and hospitable shores of the Ohio River and the graciousness of the Queen City provide the ideal setting for the great works of America's largest and fastest growing veterans organization.

This past year has set the stage for a crucial period in the growth and programs of The American Legion. We have demonstrated that we can maintain sustained growth, while at the same time taking the leading edge on issues vital to America.

A year ago I expressed my belief that the absolute, rock-solid strength of our great organization comes from the quality of its members. That belief today is stronger than ever, for our sense of purpose, our common dedication to the principles and goals of The American Legion have proved beyond a doubt that we are a healthy, vibrant and growing part of America. This past year, perhaps more than ever before, we have come together for service to America's veterans, their families, and our nation.

We have touched the lives of countless Americans. We have helped provide a positive direction for our nation to follow into the future.

One of the goals we established early in this Legion year was to see an expansion of programs at the local level. We wanted to convince members that they must become involved in every facet of the community: in schools, city government, churches, and in special projects. And that's where we showed our unity for all of our neighbors to see and to share.

Certainly events on the national level played an important role in shaping American Legion activities during the year. It became immediately apparent that the budget belt was going to be tightened at least another few notches when it came to federally funded programs.

Once again, veterans rights and benefits came under close scrutiny and The American Legion was at the fore, pointing out the dismal record of funding for the Veterans Administration and mounting an information

campaign which reached public opinion shapers.

Americanism programs such as Boys State and Nation, and our National High School Oratorical Contest took on new importance with the 100th birthday celebration of the Statue of Liberty, the 210th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence and the beginning of the bicentennial observance of the drafting of the United States Constitution.

We saw progress in our support of neighboring democracies in Central and Latin America and we experienced the ever-present spectre of terrorism abroad.

Our Children and Youth areas of national concern continued to generate tremendous response. For the third year the tragedy of missing children, teenage suicide and drug and alcohol abuse prevention were again chosen by your national organization.

The American Legion's Child Welfare Foundation awarded more than \$211,000 in grants to agencies which promote the well-being of

children.

At each crucial juncture this year you have offered unwavering support of our policies and you demonstrated your willingness to work even harder to expand our strength by bringing in more and more new members.

It's that growth which represents an increased acceptance of our goals by an ever-increasing segment of America's veteran population. Veterans — all Americans — are unifying in a common cause.

To you, the strength of The American Legion, I owe an eternal debt of gratitude for your allowing me the privilege of serving as your National Commander during these challenging and active times.

Now, as we plan for the future, we must all remember that The American Legion continues to speak for a vast cross-section of America. Our standards must continue to be the highest possible and our service always in the name of God and Country.

In the coming days we must always keep in mind that we must use our heads and our hearts for the continued unity and strength of our great nation.



*Dale L. Renaud
National Commander*

Where to Register and Obtain Information

Registration and Information Booths will be operated in Cincinnati for the convenience of conventioners.

Booths will be located in the —

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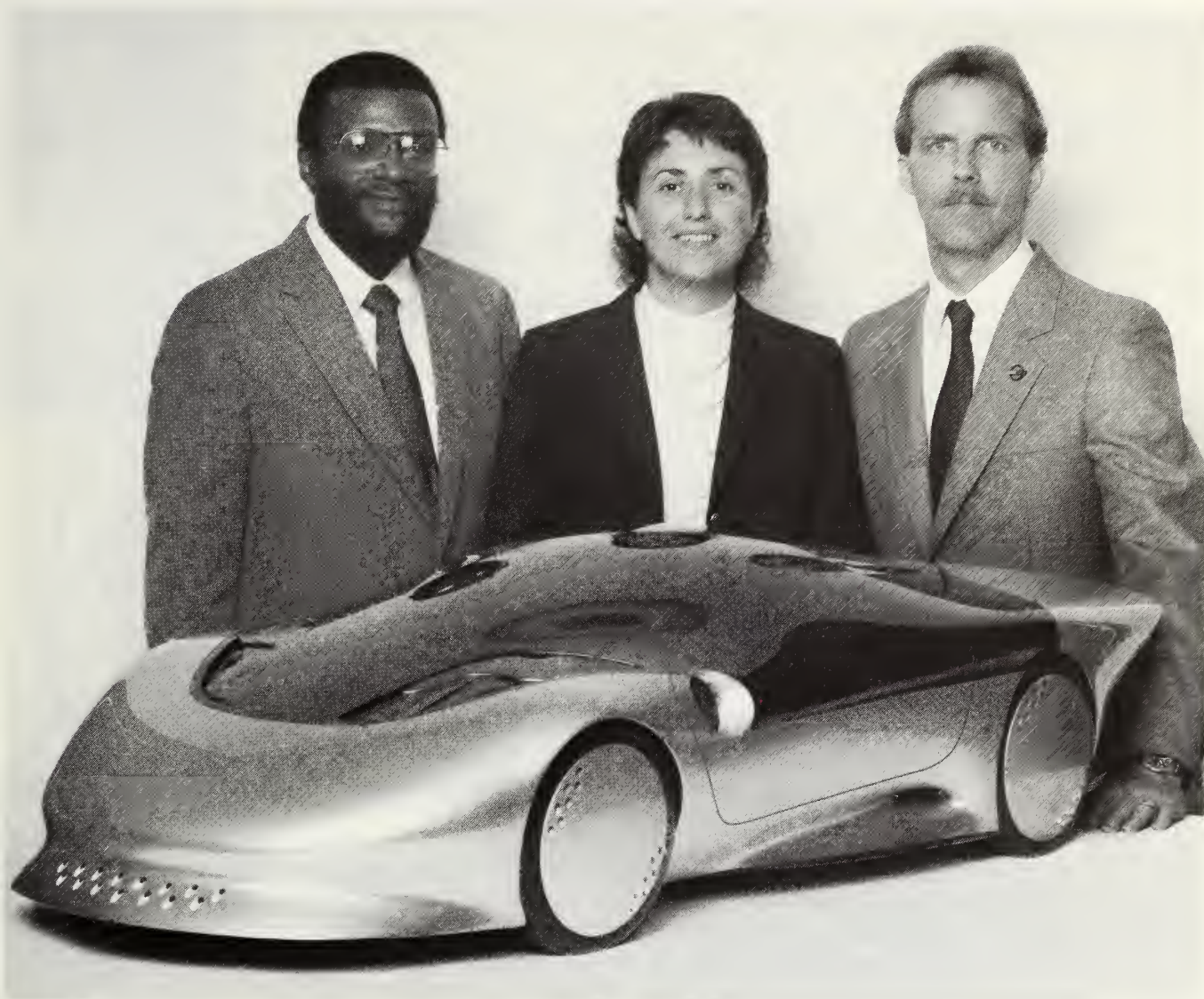
Clarion Hotel

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Booths will operate from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 29 and daily thereafter until taken out of service at the direction of the Convention Corporation.

A Registration Booth will operate in the Lobby of the Sabin Convention Center on the days of the General Convention Sessions, September 2, 3 and 4, for those persons who have not previously registered and wish to attend convention sessions. (Official convention badge is required for entry to sessions.)

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WASHINGTON

June 23, 1986



It gives me great pleasure to greet my fellow members gathered for the 68th annual National Convention of the American Legion.

Along with the benefits and privileges freedom confers upon us, it brings also great responsibility. Democracy's continued health demands that citizens become involved; that they participate in the affairs of their communities and their nation. I'm a great admirer of the American Legion because we Legionnaires recognize and embrace this vital obligation.

Your commitment to liberty did not end with service in our nation's armed forces. The Legion has been a bulwark in the ongoing struggle to preserve our nation's defenses in an increasingly dangerous world. And on the home front its many volunteer public service efforts build upon a cherished American tradition, and point the way for others to follow.

I salute you all for your magnificent work for God and Country. You have my best wishes for an exciting and successful convention, and for continued success in the coming year. God bless you, and God bless America.

Ronald Reagan



Liberty, Motherhood, Apple Pie, and The American Legion

The American Legion represents and promotes many values which are the best expression of the American ideal. The impact of your contributions can not be measured.

Each year tens of thousands of high school students learn the workings of our government through the Boys/Girls State and Boys/Girls Nation programs.

Still more youth learn sportsmanship through American Legion Baseball. The American Legion is also actively involved in many other vital causes including scouting, drug abuse prevention, Special Olympics, education and getting out the vote.

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September, 1986

Dear Delegates:

As Governor of Ohio, I am pleased to welcome the 68th Annual National Convention of the American Legion to Cincinnati. I am especially delighted to welcome this convention upon its return to Ohio, after a 50 year absence.

It is with pride that I take this opportunity to commend you for your years of dedicated service in promoting outstanding citizenship and in serving the needs of our Veterans. I admire your sense of individual obligation which fosters the community involvement so essential to uphold and safeguard our principles of justice and freedom.

The road which you are paving with your hard work and active community involvement is certainly one that will profoundly affect the future of continued peace on Earth.

Best wishes for what is certain to be a most rewarding and enjoyable convention.

With best regards,

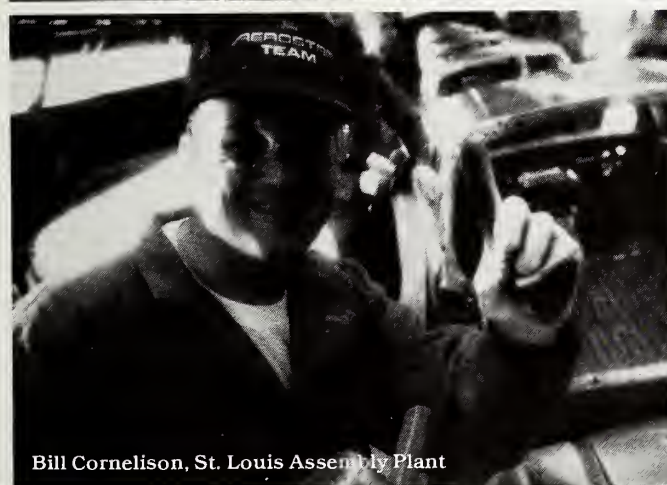
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Cincinnati's hotels are among the finest in the nation and our hospitality and friendliness are known the world over. The American Legion Convention Corporation of Ohio has worked many months to insure that this would be a successful and memorable Convention.

If this is your first visit to Cincinnati, you will find us helpful hosts and friendly people dedicated to making this a most friendly experience.

Exquisite restaurants, professional sports, recreational facilities and a diversification of cultural interests abound in the Queen City, thus assuring something for everyone in their leisure time.

Again, welcome, and if I or any Ohio Legionnaire can help you, our guests, to enjoy your stay, please feel free to call upon us. We want you to have a good time as you deliberate the vital issues that confront our country today.

Very truly yours,

Robert B. Steele

ROBERT B. STEELE
Department Commander
1985-86

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July 29, 1986

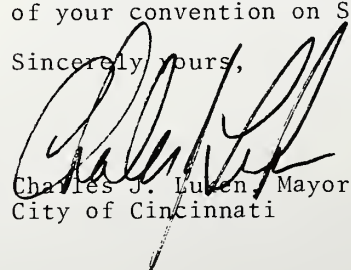
Dear Visitors:

As Mayor of the City of Cincinnati it gives me great pleasure to welcome The American Legion to Cincinnati for its 68th Annual Convention. Our City is honored to be chosen to host such a respected group.

I am confident that you will find Cincinnati to be one of America's most hospitable cities. As many visitors have already discovered, there is a wide variety of interesting places to visit and things to do in Cincinnati - from the new Dr. Albert B. Sabin Convention Center to our many museums, restaurants, parks, historic areas, stadium and other attractions.

Best wishes for a successful conference and a memorable visit. I look forward to greeting you personally at the opening session of your convention on September 2nd.

Sincerely yours,


Charles J. Luken, Mayor
City of Cincinnati

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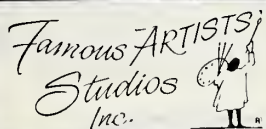
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A festival of comradeship and celebration, in an atmosphere of old-time patriotism and holiday fun

WHEN...

68th Annual National Convention
Labor Day, September 1, 1986
12:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

WHERE...

At Yeatman's Cove, on the scenic Ohio River waterfront in downtown Cincinnati, Ohio

WHO...

YOU! All convention registrants, Legionnaires, Auxiliary members, and, most especially, your families

— SCHEDULE OF EVENTS —

          	12:30 p.m. United States Air Force Band Concert 1:00 p.m. United States Army Special Forces Parachute Demonstration 1:05 p.m. Presentation of Colors from Parachutist to National Commander 1:10 p.m. Parachute Demonstration Continues 1:45 p.m. Welcome Remarks, Main Stage 2:15 p.m. The Fabulous Fours Stage Show, Main Stage 3:30 p.m. Patriotic Musical Extravaganza, Main Stage Continuous Performances by The Blue Grass Band, the German Band, strolling magicians, mimes and performers and tethered ascensions in the United States Navy Hot Air Balloon throughout the afternoon. Meet the Candidates all afternoon Food and Drink from a variety of vendors throughout the day Special Appearances and Many Surprises from start to finish
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— BEST OF ALL —

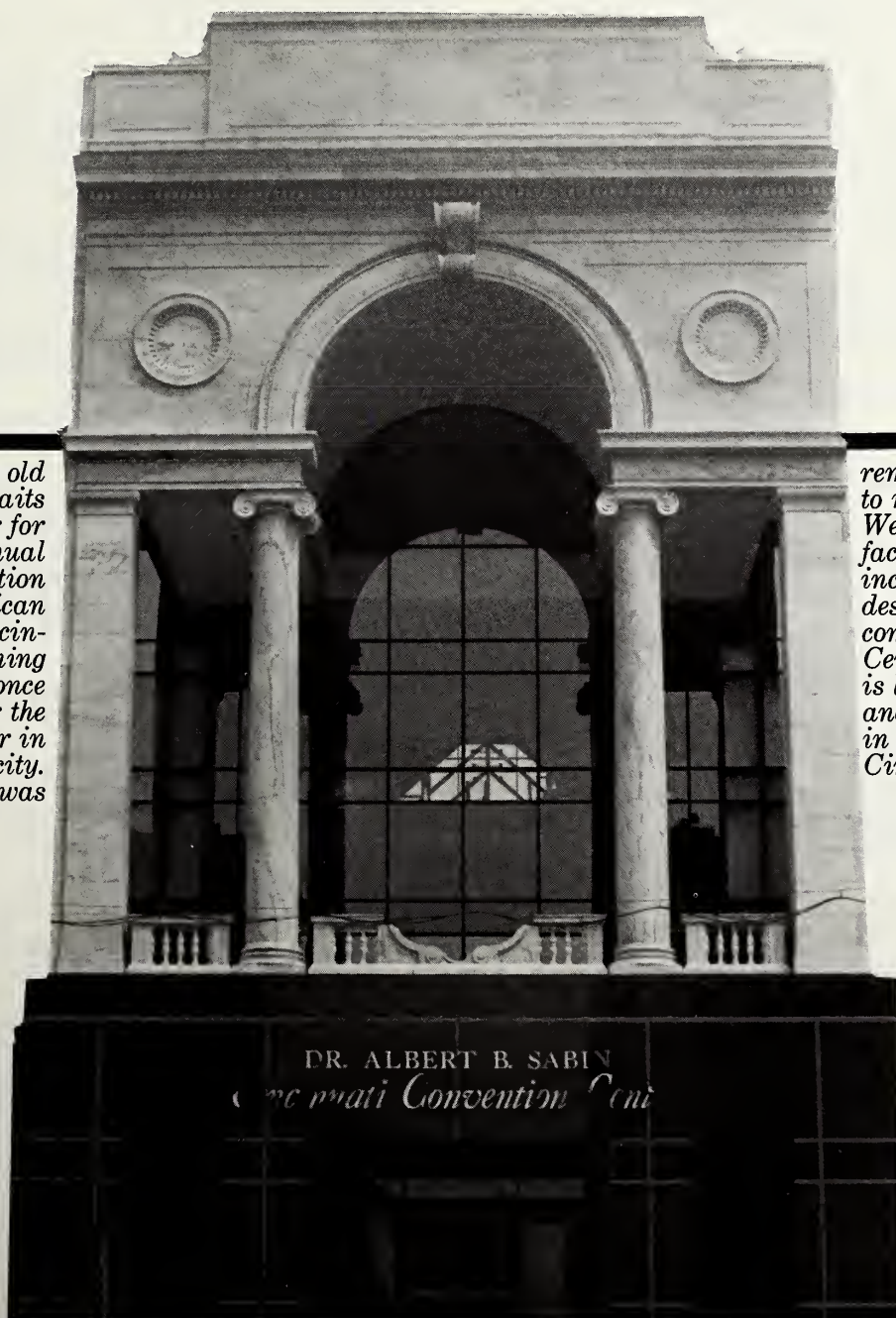
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Official Program

Sixty-eighth Annual National Convention of The American Legion

A grand old entrance way awaits those who gather for the 68th Annual National Convention of The American Legion in Cincinnati. This stunning entrance was once the facade for the Albee Theater in the heart of the city. That theater was

removed in the late 70s to make way for the Westin Hotel, but the facade was saved and incorporated into the design for the newly completed Convention Center. The entrance is located at 5th and Plum Streets in downtown Cincinnati.



Agenda

68th Annual National Convention—The American Legion Convention Center, Cincinnati, Ohio September 2-4, 1986

Tuesday, September 2, 1986

8:30 a.m.

Prelude

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

Multi-Image Opening Ceremony

Advancement of Colors

Lakeshore Senior Color Guard
American Legion Post No. 137
Jacksonville, Florida

Star-Spangled Banner

Mrs. Sherron Henry, *Soloist*
Covington, Ohio

Accompanied by: Peter Ole, *Organist*

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (Nebraska)
National Chaplain

Preamble to The American Legion
Constitution

Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

9:10 a.m.

Post Everlasting Ceremony

Campbell County Post No. 42
Gillette, Wyoming

Memorial Prayer and Lighting of Peace
Candle

Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (Nebraska)
National Chaplain

Call for Convention

Robert W. Spanogle (Michigan)
National Adjutant

9:30 a.m.

Welcome

The Honorable Richard F. Celeste
Governor of Ohio

The Honorable Charles J. Luken
Mayor of Cincinnati

Robert B. Steele, 1985-86 *Department
Commander*
The American Legion of Ohio

Edward Yorukoff, *President*

The American Legion Convention
Corporation of Ohio

Responses to Addresses of Welcome

Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

9:45 a.m.

National Commander's Report

Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

SPECIAL MESSAGE

By: The President of the United States

10:00 a.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs —
Section 1

10:05 a.m.

Report of Legislation and Rules

10:10 a.m.

Introduction

Mrs. Josie Melgard (California)
National President
American Legion Auxiliary

10:15 a.m.

Report of Children & Youth

10:30 a.m.

Presentation — The National Commander's
and National President's Unity Award
Winners

By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

By: Mrs. Josie Melgard (California)
National President

To: Winning Posts and Units

10:40 a.m.

Special Address

The Honorable Caspar W. Weinberger
The Secretary of Defense

NOTE: Times of subsequent sessions and time of
Convention Committee Reports are subject to
change by the chair.

11:00 a.m.

Address

The Honorable Thomas K. Turnage
Administrator
Veterans Administration

11:30 a.m.

Presentation of Medallion to the City of New Orleans, Louisiana — Host City for the 1985 National Convention

By: Clarence M. Bacon (Maryland)
Past National Commander

To: Merrick W. Swords, Jr., *President*
The American Legion First District
Convention Corporation of Louisiana

11:35 a.m.

Certificate of Appreciation

By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

To: Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (Nebraska)
National Chaplain

11:40 a.m.

Greetings

Fred E. Ellis, *National President*
The Society of American Legion Founders

Albert Bianchini, *Dominion President*
Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans in Canada

Gaston Garceau, *First Vice President*
The Royal Canadian Legion

Sir William Keys, *National President*
The Returned Services League of Australia

General Seok-chu Paik, ROKA, Retired
President

The Korean Veterans Association

General Cheng Wei-yuan, *Chairman*
Vocational Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen
Republic of China

12:10 p.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs — Section 2

12:25 p.m.

Report of Credentials & Internal Affairs — Membership

Presentation of Special Membership Awards for 1986

By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

Assisted By:

National Vice Commanders

Bernard L. Black (South Carolina)

Norman Conn (California)

Vito M. DeFilipp (Maine)

Miles S. Epling (West Virginia)

H. F. (Sparky) Gierke (North Dakota)

Salute to Colors

Recess

Wednesday, September 3, 1986

9:00 a.m.

Call to Order

Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

Salute to Colors

Pledge of Allegiance

Invocation

Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (Nebraska)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m.

Report of Americanism

9:30 a.m.

Presentation — Representatives of The American Legion Youth Programs

1986 Scout of the Year

Randy Votava, Warren, Minnesota

1986 First Place Winner National Oratorical Contest

Jennifer Jane Demmon, Marshalltown, Iowa

1986 Boys Nation President

Gregory J. Orman, Mankato, Minnesota

1985 Baseball Player of the Year

Tristan B. Lipscomb, Richmond, Virginia

1986 Girls Nation President

Cherie Harder, Los Alamos, New Mexico

9:45 a.m.

Presentation — William Randolph Hearst Americanism Trophy

By: Robert S. Turner (Georgia)
Chairman, Americanism Commission

To: Winning Department

10:00 a.m.

Address

John Walsh, *President*

Adam Walsh Child Resource Center

10:20 a.m.

Presentation — Employer of the Year Awards for Hiring Veterans

By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

To: Gerald J. McQuaid

Manager of Manufacturing Operations

Corning Glass Works

Wilmington, North Carolina

To: Kessel's Pump Service

El Paso, Texas

Accepting:

Eugene M. Towne

American Legion Post No. 515

El Paso, Texas

10:30 a.m.
Report of Economics
Employment and Veterans Preference
Other Economic Matters

11:00 a.m.
Address
The Honorable Dennis DeConcini
United States Senator
State of Arizona

11:20 a.m.
Report of Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation
Claims and Rating
Hospitals and Medical Services
Announcement of Winning Department —
National Service Trophy
By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander

12:20 p.m.
Report of Finance

12:25 p.m.
Introduction — Sons of The American Legion
Newly Elected National Commander

12:30 p.m.
Report of Foreign Relations

12:55 p.m.
Report of Constitutional Amendments
Salute to Colors
Recess

Thursday, September 4, 1986

9:00 a.m.
Call To Order
Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander
Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation
Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (Nebraska)
National Chaplain

9:05 a.m.
Address
Admiral Paul A. Yost, Jr., *Commandant*
United States Coast Guard

NOTE: The National Executive Committee will meet within twenty-four (24) hours after close of the Convention—upon the call of the National Commander.

9:35 a.m.
Report of National Security
Aerospace
Defense Civil Preparedness
Law and Order
Merchant Marine
Military Affairs
Naval Affairs

10:30 a.m.
Presentation — The American Legion Fourth Estate Award
By: Dale L. Renaud (Iowa)
National Commander
To: John Angelides
News Director
KMOX Radio

11:00 a.m.
Address
Lt. Gen. James A. Abrahamson
Director
Strategic Defense Initiative Organization
Department of Defense

11:30 a.m.
Presentation of Plaque and Colors to Outgoing National Commander
By: John H. Geiger (Illinois)
Past National Commander

12:00 noon
Special Order of Business
Election of National Officers
National Commander
Administering the Oath of Office to the National Commander

Acceptance Speech by Newly Elected National Commander
Election of National Officers
Five (5) National Vice Commanders

1:00 p.m.
Presentation of Colors to Newly Elected National Commander
Response by Newly Elected National Commander
Presentation of Newly Elected National President of The American Legion Auxiliary
Unfinished Business
Benediction
Retirement of Colors
Final Adjournment

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Continued success to

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August 29, 9:00 a.m.
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**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Commission**

August 30, 9:00 a.m.

Bronze A

Clarion Hotel

Chairman: William F. Lenker

**Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation
Screening Committee**

August 29, 9:00 a.m.

Losantville Room

Clarion Hotel

**National Executive Committee
September 1, 4:00 p.m.**

Rooms 300 & 301

Convention Center

Chairman: National Commander Dale L. Renaud
Bondurant, Iowa**S.A.L. Meetings****15th Annual Sons of
The American Legion Convention**

(Executive Committee)

Aug. 29, 7:00 p.m.

Taft I Room

Westin Hotel

**15th Annual Sons of
The American Legion Convention**

(General Sessions)

Aug. 30, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. and

Aug. 31, 9:00 a.m. - noon

Taft I & II Rooms

Westin Hotel

Meetings of Convention Committees

The following Convention Committees will be composed of one delegate from each Department. Initial meetings of Convention Committees will be at the time and place as shown below. Subsequent meetings will be at the call of the chairman.

Meetings of Convention Committees normally will be closed to all except committee members.

Americanism Convention Center

August 31, 8:30 a.m.
Room 207

Immigration and Naturalization Subcommittee
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 226

Counter-Subversive Activities Subcommittee
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 207 (back of room)

Youth Activities Subcommittee
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 207 (front of room)

Children & Youth Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 215

Constitutional

Amendments Convention Center
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 243

Credentials and Internal

Affairs Convention Center
Sections I & II

Credentials and Other Internal Matters
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 254

Membership
Section III Clarion Hotel
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Bamboo A & B

Economic Convention Center

*Employment and Veterans Preference
and Other Economic Matters*
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 208

Emblem Committee Clarion Hotel

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Commodore Room

Finance Hyatt Regency Hotel

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Hoosier B

Foreign Relations Convention Center

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 253

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center —
Meetings at 9:15 a.m.)

Foreign Relations—Continued

Inter-American Affairs
Room 240

European Affairs
Room 227

African Affairs
Room 206

Far Eastern Affairs
Room 241

Middle Eastern Affairs
Room 216

General Foreign Policy Meeting
Room 252

Legislation & Rules.... Hyatt Regency Hotel

August 31, 10:00 a.m.
Keystone Room

National Security

Committee Convention Center
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room 250 & 251

(All Subcommittee Rooms in Convention Center —
Immediately following Joint Meeting)

Military Affairs Meeting
Rooms 250 & 251

General Security Ad Hoc Subcommittee
Rooms 250 & 251

Aerospace Committee
Room 235

Defense Civil Preparedness Committee
Room 217

Law and Order Committee
Room 302

Merchant Marine Committee
Room 236

Naval Affairs Committee
Room 242

General Security Meeting
(All subcommittees, 2:00 p.m.)
Rooms 250 & 251

Resolution Assignment

Committee Clarion Hotel
August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Pool Room

Veterans Affairs &

Rehabilitation Clarion Hotel

*Claims and Rating & Hospitals and
Medical Services (Joint Meeting)*

August 31, 9:00 a.m.
Room, Bronze A

Hospitals and Medical Services
August 31, 9:30 a.m.
Room, Bronze B



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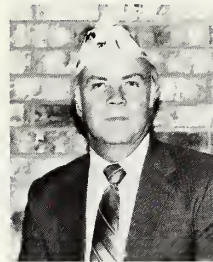
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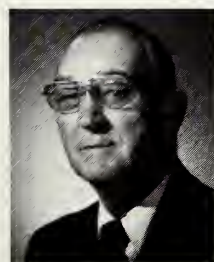
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August 27-29
Bivouac — Taft I
August 29
Banquet — Taft I & II — 7:30 p.m.

Historians' and Founders' Luncheon & Meetings

Westin Hotel
McKinley I & II
Saturday, August 30 — 12:00 Noon

Founders' Meeting — following Luncheon
Grant Room

ANAVICUS

Army, Navy and Air Force Veterans
in Canada

Westin Hotel
Presidential Ballroom I & II
Breakfast Meeting
Sunday, August 31 — 7:00 a.m.

National Organization of World War Nurses Reunion

Hyatt Regency Hotel
Board of Governors Room
Sunday, August 31 — 8:00 a.m.

National American Legion Press Association (NALPA)

Clarion Hotel
Bamboo A & B
Meeting
Monday, September 1 — 10:00 a.m.

Bronze B
Awards Banquet
Monday, September 1 — 6:00 p.m.

FODPAL Breakfast Meeting

Westin Hotel
Ballroom III
Monday, September 1 — 7:00 a.m.

Past Department Commanders Luncheon

Clarion Hotel
Bronze A & B
Reception and Luncheon
Monday, September 1 — 11:30 a.m.

American Legion Auxiliary States Dinner

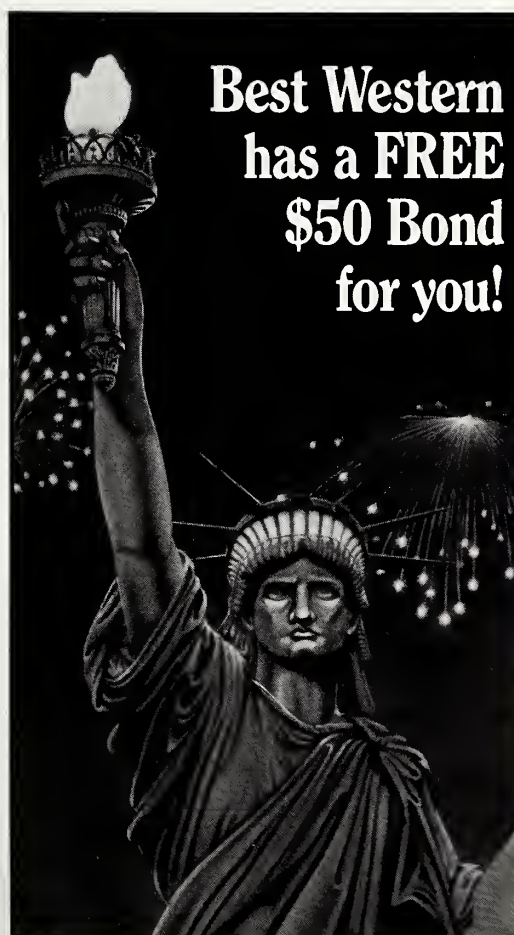
Sabin Convention Center
Ballroom
Wednesday, September 3 — 7:30 p.m.

National Commander's Banquet For Distinguished Guests

Sabin Convention Center
Ballroom
Tuesday, September 2 — 7:30 p.m.

Eight and Forty

Omni Netherland Plaza
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Installation Dinner
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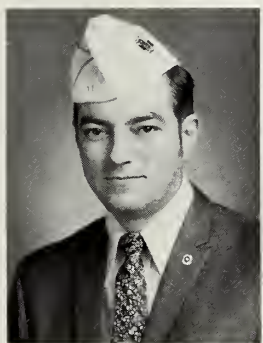
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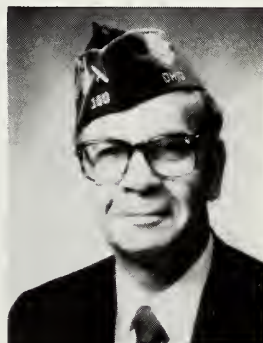
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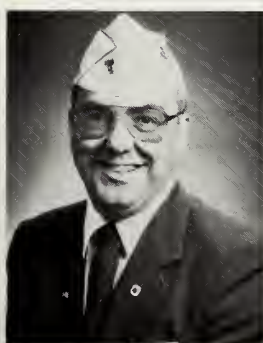
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Standing Rules of the National Convention

The following are the Standing Rules of the National Convention as contained in the "UNIFORM CODE OF PROCEDURE FOR THE ORGANIZATION OF NATIONAL CONVENTIONS OF THE AMERICAN LEGION," authorized under Article V, Section 6, of the National Constitution of The American Legion.

Standing Rules of the National Convention

1. Robert's Revised Rules of Order shall be the authority on parliamentary procedure, with the following modifications:
2. A delegate desiring to make a motion or address the Convention, shall rise, address the Chair as "Mr. Commander" and state his name and the name of the Department before proceeding.
3. Debate shall be limited to five minutes for each speaker.
4. Debate on any one subject presented to the Convention shall be limited to two hours except under such special rule as the Convention shall adopt prior to debate.
5. But two delegates from any one delegation shall be permitted the floor on any one question. Where disagreement exists within a delegation one delegate shall be permitted to speak on each side of the question. Upon a division of the question, however, this rule shall be applied separately for each division.
6. The floor shall be permitted but once to any individual delegate on any one question, except by a two-thirds vote of the Convention. Chairmen of Convention Committees may speak as frequently as may be necessary in connection with the reports of their committees. The Presiding Officer shall not entertain any motion which will curtail further debate without affording the Committee Chairman an opportunity for rebuttal.
7. Decisions on Rules of Debate or parliamentary order by the Presiding Officer may be subject to appeal by any two delegates under a Point of Order. Such appeal shall take precedence over any pending questions and shall be decided forthwith. An appeal from the decision of the Chair shall be put to the Convention on the question: "Shall the Chair be sustained?"
8. When the poll of any Department Delegation is demanded by a delegate of such department, the Convention Secretary shall poll the vote without discussion of the question being voted upon.
9. On the Roll Calls, the delegation Chairman shall poll his delegation on the floor and announce its vote.
10. In the event a delegation secretary is not an accredited delegate or alternate, he shall be seated with his delegation.
11. Past National Commanders' votes shall be cast with their delegations.
12. Only accredited delegates or their alternates, shall participate, directly or indirectly, in a viva voce vote on any subject before the convention.
13. Department delegations may arrive at a vote in such manner as they choose, but shall announce it in terms of full units and not in terms of a fractional part of a vote. The vote of any delegate absent and not represented by an alternate shall be cast by the majority of the delegates present from his Department.
14. There shall be no unit rule of voting.
15. Voting shall be by acclamation, except when a Roll Call is demanded by the Chairman of at least three Departments. Election of National Officers shall be by roll call.
16. In the event a Department has not provided the method by which alternates shall be designated to serve in the place of absent delegates, the Chairman of the delegation shall make such designation.
17. Prior to the election of National Officers, the National Commander shall appoint, subject to approval of the Convention, a Judge of Election and such number of tellers as he deems necessary, provided that the total tellers so appointed shall be an odd number. In a contested election each candidate going to the ballot shall be entitled to one teller of his choice.
18. Nominations for National Officers shall be from the floor on Roll Call of the Departments alphabetically arranged. Each Department may present as many candidates as it chooses.
19. Nominating speeches for National Officers shall be limited to five minutes each. Not more than two seconding speeches shall be made for any candidate, and said speeches shall be limited to three minutes.

20. When more than two candidates are nominated for any office, balloting shall continue until one candidate receives a majority of the votes of the Convention, except in the election of National Vice Commanders.

21. In a contested election for National Vice Commanders, balloting shall continue until (a) majorities and (b) pluralities are established for one or more candidates under the following provisions:

If, on any ballot taken, less than five candidates receive the necessary majority to elect, the candidate or candidates receiving a majority vote shall be declared elected and a new ballot shall be taken for the remaining number of places to be filled. The candidate receiving the lowest number of votes on the preceding ballot shall be disqualified; except should two candidates remain to fill one place, a new ballot shall be taken.

22. The Convention will nominate and elect a National Commander, and five National Vice Commanders, in this sequence.

23. At the conclusion of balloting on National Vice Commanders, each Department Delegation Chairman shall deliver a written ballot to the tellers. Such ballots shall be in the hands of the tellers before communication is made to the National Commander for announcement of the results.

24. Those recognized by the National Commander shall be entitled to a respectful hearing, and the

Chair shall have the authority to clear the gallery or the floor or have the Sergeant-at-Arms escort from the Convention any one creating a disturbance or interfering with orderly procedure.

25. None of the above rules shall be construed as preventing an alternate delegate from serving on a Convention committee.

26. The consent of two-thirds of the voting strength of the Convention is necessary for suspension of the standing rules of the Convention.

27. Any amendment to any resolution or report originating on the floor shall be presented in writing and transmitted to the Presiding Officer at the time of the introduction of such amendment.

28. Special rules applying to specific issues or order of business, shall be written and presented to the Convention by the Legislation and Rules Committee for adoption by majority vote at least one hour before such issue, or order, is to be considered unless such rule is agreed to by unanimous consent of the final session.

Special rules shall prevail only in the Convention adopting them.

Any delegate may apply for a special rule to the Legislation and Rules Committee or may appeal to the Convention for such special rule provided the rule be presented in writing, be read once from the platform, and shall lay upon the table at least one hour before the vote thereon is taken.

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Patriotic Religious Service

Ballrooms A-B, Cincinnati Convention Center

Sunday, August 31, 1986 — 11:00 a.m.

Welcome

Advancement of Colors (Audience Standing)
Middletown Post 218 Color Guard

Invocation (Audience Standing)
Elizabeth Robaszkievicz (OH)
Past Department Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

Pledge of Allegiance (Audience Standing)

Call to Worship
Richard J. Kepler (AZ), National Chaplain
Sons of The American Legion

Musical Selection
The King's Men
Cincinnati, Ohio

Reading of the Holy Scriptures
Joshua 4:1-7
Rabbi Dr. Allan M. Blustein (MI)
Past Department Chaplain
The American Legion

Matthew 25:14-29
Rev. Henry L. Reinewald (OH)
Past Department Chaplain
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Hymn (Audience Standing)
"Faith Of Our Fathers"

Memorial Prayer
Mrs. Elsie Daniels (MT), National Chaplain
American Legion Auxiliary

Musical Selection
The King's Men

Memorial Message — "Time To Remember"
Dr. Gordon L. Patterson (NE)
National Chaplain
The American Legion

Hymn (Audience Standing)
"Amazing Grace"

Placing of Memorial Wreaths (Audience Standing)
Dale L. Renaud (IA), National Commander
Robert W. Spanogle (MI), National Adjutant
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Mrs. Robert Melgard (CA), National President
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Eight and Forty

Royce Doucet (LA), National Commander
D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX), National Adjutant
Sons of The American Legion

Moment of Meditation (Audience Standing)

Taps (Audience Standing)

Retirement of Colors (Audience Standing)

Benediction (Audience Standing)
Rev. Father John D. Kempf (OH), Past National
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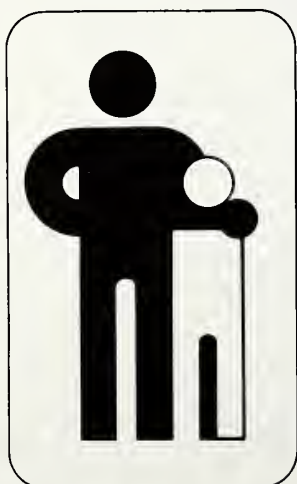
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Ohio 1920-21

****John G. Emery*
Michigan 1921

**Hanford MacNider*
Iowa 1921-22

**Alvin M. Owsley*
Texas 1922-23

**John R. Quinn*
California 1923-24

**James A. Drain*
District of Columbia 1924-25

**John R. McQuigg*
Ohio 1925-26

**Howard P. Savage*
Illinois 1926-27

**Edward E. Spafford*
New York 1927-28

**Paul V. McNutt*
Indiana 1928-29

**O. Lee Bodenhamer*
Arkansas 1929-30

**Ralph T. O'Neil*
Kansas 1930-31

**Henry L. Stevens, Jr.*
North Carolina 1931-32

**Louis Johnson*
West Virginia 1932-33

**Edward A. Hayes*
Illinois 1933-34

**Frank N. Belgrano, Jr.*
California 1934-35

**Ray Murphy*
Iowa 1935-36

**Harry W. Colmery*
Kansas 1936-37

**Daniel J. Doherty*
Massachusetts 1937-38

**Stephen F. Chadwick*
Washington 1938-39

**Raymond J. Kelly*
Michigan 1939-40

**Milo J. Warner*
Ohio 1940-41

**Lynn U. Stambaugh*
North Dakota 1941-42

**Roane Waring*
Tennessee 1942-43

**Warren H. Atherton*
California 1943-44

**Edward N. Scheiberling*
New York 1944-45

**John Stelle*
Illinois 1945-46

**Paul H. Griffith*
Pennsylvania 1946-47

**James F. O'Neil*
New Hampshire 1947-48

**Perry Brown*
Texas 1948-49

George N. Craig
Indiana 1949-50

Erle Cocke, Jr.
Georgia 1950-51

**Donald R. Wilson*
West Virginia 1951-52

**Lewis K. Gough*
California 1952-53

**Arthur J. Connell*
Connecticut 1953-54

**Seaborn P. Collins*
New Mexico 1954-55

J. Addington Wagner
Michigan 1955-56

Dan Daniel
Virginia 1956-57

John S. Gleason, Jr.
Illinois 1957-58

Preston J. Moore
Oklahoma 1958-59

Martin B. McKneally
New York 1959-60

William R. Burke
California 1960-61

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Missouri 1961-62

**James E. Powers*
Georgia 1962-63

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Illinois 1982-83

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Maryland 1984-85

Past National Commanders By Vote Of National Convention

**Bennett Champ Clark*
Missouri—Presided at Paris
caucus—March, 1919

**Milton J. Foreman*
Illinois—Chairman, Execu-
tive Committee at Paris

**Henry D. Lindsley*
Texas—Presided at St. Louis
caucus—May 1919

**Theodore Roosevelt, Jr.*
New York

**Eric Fisher Wood*
Pennsylvania—Temporary
Chairman and Secretary at
Paris caucus

**Thomas W. Miller*
Nevada—Chairman Pro
Tempore
Paris Caucus March 1919

**Maurice Stember*
New York

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New York

Honorary National Commanders

**General John J. Pershing*
**Marshal Ferdinand Foch*

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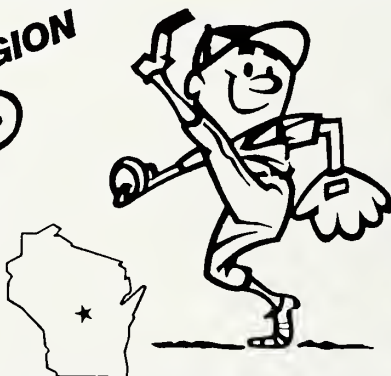
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 <i>Dead & Missing of the Vietnam War</i></p> <p>1981—<i>American Space Shuttle Astronauts John Young and Robert Crippen</i></p> <p>1982—<i>President Ronald W. Reagan</i></p> <p>1983—<i>Adm. Hyman G. Rickover</i></p> <p>1984—<i>Sen. J. Strom Thurmond</i></p> <p>1985—<i>Hon. Caspar W. Weinberger</i></p> |
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The American Legion and the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Division

During the past Legion year, the Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation program, through its Commission and assigned National Headquarters staff, has continued to work to protect, defend and where possible improve, the veterans benefits programs administered by the Veterans Administration.

It has been a difficult year for the VA & R Program, because all veterans benefit programs, as with all other Federal programs, have faced the cutbacks mandated by Congress and the Administration, in the effort to alleviate the fiscal crisis in the Federal Government. Tight budgets, slowdowns and cutbacks, and the devastating effects of the first of the Gramm-Rudman sequestration actions have made it difficult for VA to carry on its work, and for the Legion to serve the veterans and their families who come to it for assistance.

There is presently a hiring freeze on all VA employees. This is slowing down work in the VA Regional Offices, where all benefits are handled except medical care. The handling of claims for compensation for the service disabled, for pension by older veterans, and claims by survivors, have all been slowed, and these beneficiaries are having to wait — which for some of them causes real hardship because they are seriously ill, or in severe economic difficulties.

Also, the hiring freeze has impacted all the VA medical centers, clinics and nursing homes. This inevitably reduces the number of veterans who can be cared for, as well as the number that can be accepted for care. It is a fact that veterans are being turned away from VA medical centers every day, because VA either does not have sufficient staff to provide care, or lacks the resources to accept additional patients beyond a certain number.

Except for compensation and pension, all other cash transfer benefit programs have been reduced by between 4 and 10 percent, at least until the end of the current Fiscal Year (Sept. 30). Also, the shortage of personnel is causing serious delays for veterans who are trying to buy homes through the VA Home Loan Guaranty Program.

In the face of all these difficulties, The American Legion has repeatedly petitioned Congress, in 15 appearances before Congressional Committees, so far just during 1986, to add resources so VA can take care of veterans of all ages from World War I through Vietnam, many of whom face serious personal difficulties. The Legion also keeps reminding the Administration that the Federal Government has a fundamental obligation to help these veterans and their families, those who responded to the nation's call, when they were needed to serve in the Armed Forces. It is not fair that after they have served — many of them in combat, that now when they themselves are in need, they should be ignored and neglected by the Government they served.

The American Legion has to face the fact that these problems are not going to go away, as long as the nation faces a \$2 trillion debt. No one knows what would happen, in these difficult days, to veterans programs if The American Legion, along with the other veteran service organizations were not working steadily in Washington to assure that the Government does not forget its obligation to the nation's veterans and their families. Now more than ever, it is important that all veterans who care — not just about themselves — but about their less fortunate former comrades in arms — that all the nation's veterans associate themselves with organizations like The American Legion, so their voice can be heard in telling the Government that it will not be allowed to forget or to neglect the men and women who served the nation when they were needed, and who now need the attention and concern of that same Government.

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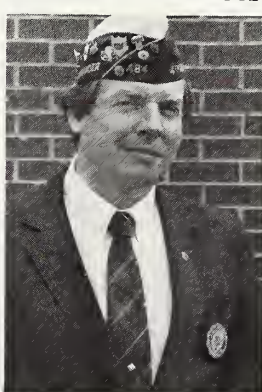
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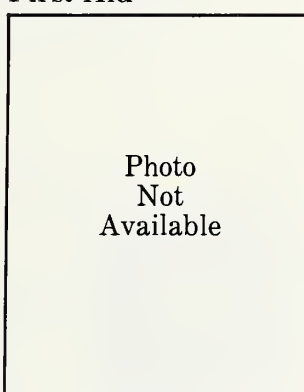


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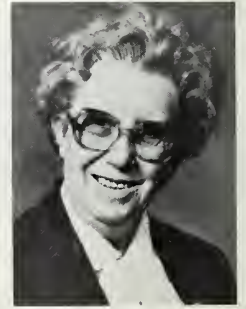
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Sixty-Sixth Annual National Convention

1986

Headquarters Hotel — Omni Netherland Plaza
Convention Session — Convention Center
Cincinnati, Ohio

“The Stars and Stripes Forever”

Saturday, August 30, 1986

9-10:30 a.m.

Pre-Convention NEC Meeting
Caprice 1 & 2, Omni Netherland Plaza, Fourth Floor

12 noon - 2 p.m.

National Junior Registration
Hall Outside Caprice 1 & 2, Omni Netherland Plaza, Fourth Floor

Pre-Convention Committee Meetings **1:30-4 p.m. (unless other times noted below)**

Group A	Americanism Foreign Relations National Security	Continental Room — Second Floor Omni Netherland Plaza,
Group B	Children & Youth Liaison w/Child Welfare Foundation Education Girls State	Hall of Mirrors, — Third Floor Omni Netherland Plaza,
Group C	Junior Activities Auxiliary Emergency Fund Cavalcade of Memories Public Relations	Caprice 3 — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza,
Group D	Legislative Past Presidents Parley Poppy Veterans Affairs & Rehabilitation	Pavillon — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza,
Group E	Chaplains Community Service Historians	Regency Ballroom A — Third Level Hyatt Regency Cincinnati,
Group F	Constitution & Bylaws Leadership Permanent Organization Rules	Regency Ballroom F — Third Level Hyatt Regency Cincinnati,
Group G	Membership	Regency Ballroom E — Third Level Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
Group H	Credentials 1:30-2 p.m.	Salons B & C — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza

Group I	Resolutions 2:15-4 p.m.	Salons B & C — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
Group J	Finance	Regency Ballroom G — Third Level Hyatt Regency Cincinnati
2-3 p.m.	National Junior Divisional Caucuses	
	Central	Room 640 — Sixth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
	Eastern	Room 658 — Sixth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
	Northwestern	Room 740 — Seventh Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
	Southern	Room 752 — Seventh Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
	Western	Room 758 — Seventh Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
3-5 p.m.	National Junior Meeting Opening	Caprice 1 & 2 — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
7-9 p.m.	National President Candidate's Reception	Hall of Mirrors — Third Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
7-9 p.m.	National Officer Candidates' Reception	Pavillon — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
7-9 p.m.	National Junior Meeting	Caprice 1 & 2 — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza
Immediately Following Junior Meeting	Get-Acquainted Reception	Mezzanine — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza

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Sunday, August 31, 1986

8-10 a.m.	Pages Rehearsal	Convention Center
8-10:30 a.m.	Divisional Caucuses	
	Central Division	Hall of Mirrors, Omni Netherland Plaza, Third Floor
	Eastern Division	Continental Room, Omni Netherland Plaza, Second Floor
	Northwestern Division	Regency Ballroom E & F, Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Third Level
	Southern Division	Pavillon, Omni Netherland Plaza, Fourth Floor
	Western Division	Regency Ballroom B, Hyatt Regency Cincinnati, Third Level
8:30 a.m.- 12 noon	National Junior Meeting	Caprice 1 & 2 — Fourth Floor Omni Netherland Plaza

Patriotic Memorial Service
11 a.m. — Cincinnati Convention Center

National Convention Parade
2 p.m.

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Monday, September 1, 1986
Opening Meeting — 66th National Convention
8:30 a.m.
Cincinnati Convention Center

Call to Order	Mrs. Ruth Roush <i>National Convention Chairman</i>
Opening Processional	
Invocation	Mrs. Else Daniels <i>National Chaplain</i>
Pledge of Allegiance	Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti <i>National Americanism Chairman</i>
National Anthem	
Preamble to the Constitution	Mrs. Betty Bohn <i>National Constitution & Bylaws Chairman</i>
Welcome	Mrs. Josie Melgard <i>National President</i>

Introductions and Greetings

The American Legion	Mr. Edward Yorukoff, <i>President</i> The American Legion Convention Corporation of Ohio Mr. Dale Renaud <i>National Commander</i> Mr. Robert Spanogle <i>National Adjutant</i>
State of Ohio	The Honorable Richard F. Celeste <i>Governor of Ohio</i>
City of Cincinnati	The Honorable Charles J. Luken <i>Mayor of Cincinnati</i>
American Legion Auxiliary	Mrs. Anna Lee Griggs <i>Department President of Ohio</i> Mrs. Ruth Roush <i>National Convention Chairman</i>

Introduction of National Officers

Mrs. Evelyn Starr, *National Vice President*

Division National Vice Presidents	Mrs. Dorothy Gezel, <i>Central</i> Mrs. Jo-Ann Hockhousen, <i>Eastern</i> Mrs. Virginia Gorsuch, <i>Northwestern</i> Mrs. Jean Mahoney, <i>Southern</i> Mrs. Mary Husby, <i>Western</i> Mrs. Else Daniels, <i>National Chaplain</i> Mrs. Gladys Lee, <i>National Historian</i> Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield, <i>National Treasurer</i> Mrs. Miriam Junge, <i>National Secretary</i>
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Greetings from National Officers	Mrs. Evelyn Starr <i>National Vice President</i>
Introductions and Greetings of the Past National Presidents	Mrs. Helen Gardner <i>Junior Past National President</i>

Introduction of National President's Pages

Mrs. Jean Brown, *National Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Mary Walker, *National Vice Chairman of Pages*
Mrs. Veronica Spence, *Personal Page*

Mrs. Goldie Anderson, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Willetta Ennen, *Personal Page*
Mrs. Mary Sinopoli, *Personal Page*

Report of Convention Committees

Credentials
Permanent Organization
Rules

Mrs. Eileen Carter
Miss Flora Jean Craig
Mrs. Ordean Couvillon

Recess — 12 Noon

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Tuesday, September 2, 1986

8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Josie Melgard
National President

Invocation

Mrs. Else Daniels
National Chaplain

Nomination of National Officers 1986-1987

Reports of National Officers

National Chaplain
National Historian
National Secretary
National Treasurer

Mrs. Else Daniels
Mrs. Gladys Lee
Mrs. Miriam Junge
Mrs. Peggy Sappenfield

First Reading of Proposed Amendments to the Constitution & Bylaws

National Committee Reports

Americanism
Auxiliary Emergency Fund
Cavalcade of Memories
Children and Youth
Liaison with Child Welfare Foundation
Community Service
Education
Finance
Foreign Relations
Junior Activities

Mrs. Jeanette Ghetti, *Chairman*
Mrs. Kay Mokler, *Chairman*
Mrs. Ione Kubby, *Chairman*
Mrs. Alice Galka, *Chairman*
Mrs. Norma Brown, *Chairman*
Mrs. Betty Calder, *Chairman*
Mrs. Marg Dorn, *Chairman*
Mrs. Anna Gear, *Chairman*
Mrs. Donna Light, *Chairman*
Mrs. Helen Holcomb, *Chairman*

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

Past Department Presidents Luncheon

11:45 a.m. - 1:15 p.m.

Pavillon & Caprice

Omni Netherland Plaza, Fourth Floor

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Convention Meeting

1:30 p.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Josie Melgard
National President

Greetings of Representatives of Other Organizations

National Committee Reports

Girls State and Girls Nation

Mrs. Corky Bradshaw, *Chairman*

1986 Girls Nation President

Leadership
Legislative
Membership
National Security

Linda Boone, *Chairman*
Mrs. Adelene Smith, *Chairman*
Mrs. Linda Newsome, *Chairman*
Mrs. Ruby Paul, *Chairman*

Memorial Service

Recess — 3:30 p.m.

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Wednesday, September 3, 1986

Convention Meeting

8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Josie Melgard
National President

Address

Mr. John Walsh
Adam Walsh Child Resource Center

Invocation

Mrs. Else Daniels
National Chaplain

Election of National Officers 1986-1987

National Committee Reports

Public Relations

Mrs. Mildred Braquet, *Chairman*

Golden Press and Golden Mike Awards

Constitution & Bylaws

Mrs. Betty Bohn, *Chairman*

Introduction of Local Convention Committees

Recess — 11:30 a.m.

Convention Meeting

1 p.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Josie Melgard
National President

National Committee Reports

Past Presidents Parley

Mrs. Agnes Kennedy, *Chairman*

Poppy

Mrs. Margaret Yankovich, *Chairman*

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation

Mrs. Pearl Behrend, *Chairman*

Report of Resolutions Committee

Mrs. Barbara Carlson, *Chairman*

Mrs. Mary Lou Beckman, *Vice Chairman*

Mrs. Ardelle Owen, *Secretary*

Retirement of Department Colors

Recess — 3:30 p.m.

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Head Table Reception

6:30 - 7:15 p.m.

Cincinnati Convention Center (Third Floor)

States Dinner

7:30 p.m.

Cincinnati Convention Center (Third Floor)

Thursday, September 4, 1986
Convention Meeting
8:30 a.m.

Call to Order

Mrs. Josie Melgard
National President

Installation of National Officers 1986-1987
 Presentation of Colors to Retiring National President
 Presentation of Pin and Ribbon to Retiring National President
 Retirement of National Colors
 Adjournment of the National Convention

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Post-Convention National Executive Committee Meeting
(Immediately Following Convention Adjournment)
 Cincinnati Convention Center, Room 301

Office Assignments

National Secretary	Salons F & G, Omni	Public Relations	Salon H, Omni
	Netherland Plaza		Netherland Plaza
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Chairman.....	Salon I, Omni		
	Netherland Plaza		

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 Eleanora Dickson, *Chairman*
 Paula Riddell, *Vice Chairman*

Distinguished Guests/Hospitality
 Marilou Lehnert, *Chairman*
 Grace Doll, *Vice Chairman*

Divisional Caucuses
 Barbara Hysell, *Chairman*
 Jean Babbitt, *Vice Chairman*

Exhibits/Displays
 Alma Kaufman, *Chairman*
 Gladys Rodeheffer, *Vice Chairman*

First Aid
 Gwen Maurer, *Chairman*
 Luetta Papenfus, *Vice Chairman*

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 Desi Dickerson, *Chairman*
 Dorothy Miller, *Vice Chairman*

Flowers/Corsages
 Pat Simon, *Chairman*
 Dorothy Corderman, *Vice Chairman*

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 Esther Walton, *Chairman*
 Betty Young, *Vice Chairman*

Information & Registration
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 Elsie Tischer, *Member*

Mail Room
 Joan Toalston, *Chairman*
 Bonnie Stein, *Vice Chairman*

National Luncheon
 Janie Balzhiser, *Chairman*
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Past Department Presidents Luncheon
 Phyllis Nickoson, *Chairman*
 Barbara Gross, *Vice Chairman*

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Registration

Saturday, August 30, 1986—Headquarters Suite, Salon National	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Monday, Sept. 1, 1986—Headquarters Suite, Salon National	12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Tuesday, Sept. 2, 1986—Headquarters Suite, Salon National	12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1986—Headquarters Suite, Salon National	12:00 to 2:00 P.M.
	4:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M.
Thursday, Sept. 4, 1986—Entrance to the Meeting Hall	12:00 to 1:00 P.M.

Thursday, September 4, 1986

Pre-Marche Pouvoir	Salon H & IB	4:30 P.M. to 5:30 P.M.
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Pre-Marche Committee Meetings

Salon B & C

Permanent Organization—Chairman, Mrs. Albert Privetera	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Children & Youth—Chairman, Mrs. Harry Stephens.....	2:30 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Salon F & G

Credentials—Chairman, Mrs. Carmen Karr	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Resolutions—Chairman, Mrs. Mary Lou Minor	2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Constitution & Bylaws—Chairman, Mrs. Michael Suvak	3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Salon M

Rituals & Emblems—Chairman, Mrs. LaVera Hudspeth	2:00 P.M. to 2:30 P.M.
Rules & Order—Chairman, Mrs. Betty Beaty.....	2:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M.
Handbook Review—Chairman, Mrs. James W. Collins	3:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Salon Julep

Publicity—Chairman, Mrs. Lorene Berg	2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
L'Aumonier—Mrs. Donald P. Still	2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
L'Archiviste—Mrs. Arthur Patterson	3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Salon H & I

Nurses Scholarship—Chairman, Mrs. Allen Moran	2:00 P.M. to 2:45 P.M.
Trophies & Awards—Chairman, Mrs. Walter Bonham	2:45 P.M. to 3:15 P.M.
Partnership—Chairman, Mrs. Clarence Kates	3:15 P.M. to 4:00 P.M.

Display and Emblem Sales Headquarters Suite

Emblem Sales will be open in the Headquarters Suite beginning Monday, Sept. 1, 1986, through Wednesday, Sept. 3, 1986, from 12 noon to 2 P.M. and from 4 P.M. to 6 P.M. On Thursday, Sept. 4th it will be open from 10:00 A.M. to 12 noon. Order forms will be placed in every convention packet for convenience in ordering. All items listed will not be available for sale at La Marche, however, those wishing to order items not available, to be shipped to them after La Marche, may do so and same will be shipped no charge. These orders must be paid in full at La Marche. For inventory control purposes all orders must be accompanied by completed order form. Forms will also be available at Emblem Display. Partners must show current 1986 partnership cards to purchase items.

Rehearsal Les Marchals and Pages

Pavillon Ballroom Thursday, Sept. 4, 1986 6 P.M.

La Concierge Nationale Mrs. Donna Baley, Chairman of Pages, Mrs. Andrew Fincham, Distinguished Guest Chairman, Mrs. William Staley, Sr. will hold rehearsal for ALL PAGES, Les Marchals and Distinguished Guest Committee.

Meet the Candidates Reception

Thursday, September 4, 1986 Continental Room 7:30 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

Friday, September 5, 1986 Divisional Caucuses—7:00 A.M.

Southern Division	Salon D & E	Central Division	Continental Room
Eastern Division	Salon F & G	Western Division	Salon I
Northwestern Division	Salon H		

La Marche Nationale Pavillon Room

Opening Session Friday, September 5, 1986 9:00 A.M.

La Marche Chairman

Presiding Mrs. Ronald Aichholz

Presentation of Chapeaux Nationaux Passes

Mrs. Harry Kehm	Mrs. Lucien Landry
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Mrs. Ray Stratton	Mrs. Charles Smith
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Mrs. Joseph Voit	Mrs. Elmer Martin
Mrs. Wm. J. McKinley	Mrs. Violet Aichholz
Mrs. James Gleason	Mrs. Harry Russell
Mrs. James DeForce	Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.
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Miss Dorothy Dolle	Mrs. Joseph Mardu

Presentation of National Officers escorted by La Marche Pages

Hat Box Editor Mrs. Blanche Mack
L'Avocate Nationale Mrs. Elmer Martin
La Concierge Nationale Mrs. Donna Baley
L'Archiviste Nationale ... Mrs. Arthur Patterson
L'Aumonier National Mrs. Donald Still
La Secretaire-Caissiere
Nationale Mrs. James Malone
Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux
Mrs. Carl Hansen Eastern Division

Mrs. Donald Clise Central Division
Mrs. Charles Pretty Northwestern Division
Mrs. Helen McCormick Southern Division
Mrs. John Armstrong Western Division
Le Demi Chapeau National . Mrs. Chester Hayes
Le Chapeau National Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson,
escorted by husband Mr. Herbert Robinson

Call to Order Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson
Le Chapeau National

Advance of Colors Mrs. Donna Baley,
La Concierge Nationale, and Les Marchals,
Venita Holthaus and Carol Yost

Invocation Mrs. Donald Still
L'Aumonier Nationale

**Pledge of Allegiance to the
Flag** Mrs. Donna Baley
La Concierge Nationale

The National Anthem Patricia Courtney
Musiciene and Assembly

Flanders Field Mrs. Donald Clise
Demi Chapeau Central Division

America's Answer Mrs. Helen McCormick
Demi Chapeau Southern Division

Roll Call Mrs. James Malone
La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale

**Reading of the Call to 1986 La Marche
Nationale Report of The Minutes Committee**

For the 1985 March Nationale Mrs. Harvey Keefe
Mrs. James Collins, Mrs. Elmer Martin

Presentation and

Greetings Mrs. William Staley Sr.
Distinguished Guest Chairman
Escorted by Chapeaux Nationaux Passes—
Mr. Dale Renaud, *National Commander*, The
American Legion
Mrs. Robert Melgard, *National President*, The
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. James Starr, *National Vice President*, The
American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Melvin Junge, *National Secretary*, The
American Legion Auxiliary
Mr. Robert Spanogle, *National Adjutant*, The
American Legion
Mrs. Margaret Sappenfield, *National Treasurer*,
The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Ted Galka, *National Children & Youth*
Chairman, The American Legion Auxiliary
Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, *National Chairman*, 1986
La Marche Nationale
Miss Ruth Roush, *National Convention Chairman*,
The American Legion Auxiliary
The Honorable Richard Celeste, *Governor State of*
Ohio
The Honorable Charles Luken, *Mayor of City of*
Cincinnati
Mr. Robert Steele, *Department Commander*, The
American Legion Dept. of Ohio
Mrs. Warren Griggs, *Department President*, The
American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of Ohio
Mrs. Jane Willis, *Le Chapeau Departmental*
d'Ohio

Mr. Ed Yorukoff, *President of 1986 National*
Convention Corp.

Introduction of Chapeaux

National Passes Mrs. Herbert Robinson
Le Chapeau National

Speaking for the Chapeaux Nationaux

Passes Mrs. Joseph Mardu
Immediate Chapeau National Passe

Report of Special Marche Committees

Rules and Order Mrs. Betty Beaty,
Chairman

Permanent

Organization Mrs. Albert Privetera,
Chairman

Report of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux

Nationaux and Introduction of Les

Chapeaux Departementaux

Mrs. Carl Hansen Eastern Division

Mrs. Donald Clise Central Division

Miss Helen McCormick Southern Division

Mrs. Charles Pretty Northwestern Division

Mrs. John Armstrong Western Division

Report of the 1985-1986 National Officers

Le Chapeau National Mrs. Herbert P. Robinson

Le Demi Chapeau National Mrs. Chester Hayes

La Secretaire-Caissiere

Nationale Mrs. James Malone

L'Archiviste Nationale Mrs. Arthur Patterson

L'Avocate Nationale Mrs. Elmer Martin

La Concierge Nationale Mrs. Donna Baley

Hat Box Editor Mrs. Blanche Mack

Nomination of National Officers for 1986-1987

Recess — 12:00 Noon

Second Session of La Marche Nationale
Friday, September 5, 1986 — 1:30 P.M.

America The Beautiful Patricia Courtney, Musiciene, and assembly

Presentation of Local Marche Committee Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, La Marche Chairman

Report of Standing Committees and Introduction of Regional or Area Chairmen

Children and Youth Mrs. Harry Stephens, Chairman

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation Mrs. Chester Hayes, Liaison

National Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory

Medicine Mrs. Jacobe F. Foreman, Liaison

Guest Speaker — Mr. Doug Lasky, Eight and Forty Coordinator — National

Jewish Center for Immunology and Respiratory Medicine

Constitution & Bylaws Mrs. Michael Suvak, Chairman

Finance Mrs. Ronald Aichholz, Chairman

Nurses Scholarship Mrs. Allen Moran, Chairman

Partnership Mrs. Clarence Kates, Chairman

Rituals & Emblems Mrs. LaVera Hudspeth, Chairman

Trophies & Awards Mrs. Walter Bonham, Chairman

Report of Advisory Committee Mrs. Harvey Keefe, Chairman

Report on Special Committee on Handbook Mrs. James Collins, Chairman

Report of National Publicity Chairman Mrs. Lorene Berg, Chairman

Report of National Photo Book Chairman Mrs. Edward Dionne, Chairman

Report of National Memory Chairman Mrs. Joseph Exner, Chairman

Recess

Third Session of La Marche Nationale Saturday, September 6, 1986 — 9:00 A.M.

In Memoriam.....	L'Aumonier Nationale Mrs. Donald Still, Presiding
Prelude.....	Patricia Courtney, Le Musiciene
Processional	Le Chapeau National
	Les Chapeaux Nationaux Passes
	Le Demi Chapeau National
	Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux
Prayer.....	Mrs. Donald Still, L'Aumonier National
Tribute to Deceased Partners	Mrs. Herbert Robinson, Le Chapeau National
Eulogy in Memory of Mrs. Premo Kelly, Le Chapeau National Passe	Mrs. Chris Schweitzer
	Chapeau National Passe
Tribute to Deceased Partners Entering Eternal Rest 1985-1986 by Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux	
Eastern Division	Mrs. Carl Hansen
Central Division.....	Mrs. Donald Clise
Northwestern Division.....	Mrs. Charles Pretty
Southern Division	Mrs. Helen McCormick
Western Division	Mrs. John Armstrong
Benediction.....	Mrs. Donald Still, L'Aumonier National
Report of Special Marche Committees	
Credentials	Mrs. Carmen Karr, Chairman
Resolutions	Mrs. Mary Lou Minor, Chairman
Eight and Forty Song	The Assembly
Election of National Officers for 1986-1987	
Presentation of Distinguished Guest Committee	
Presentation of Les Marchals	Venita Holthuas, Washington, Carol Yost, Kansas

Presentation of National Pages

Mrs. Andrew Fincham, Florida, Chairman
 Mrs. Melvin Pfohl, Florida, Vice Chairman
 Mrs. Dorothy Dilly, Alabama
 Mrs. Joan Miller, Alaska
 Mrs. Millie Fortune, Massachusetts
 Mrs. Diane Krentz, Minnesota
 Mrs. Loretta Becker, Nebraska
 Mrs. Myrtle Baker, Oklahoma
 Mrs. Marion Miller, Pennsylvania
 Mrs. Judy Lewis, Utah
 Mrs. Catherine Dupree, Vermont
 Mrs. Teresa Torrence, Virginia

Presentation of National Pages

To Le Chapeau National	Mrs. Kathy Morse, Florida
	Mrs. Dorothy Hanner, Florida
Honorary	Mrs. Dorothy Bartholomew, Florida
Honorary	Mrs. Ethel Marsh, California
To La Secretaire-Caissiere Nationale	Mrs. Thelma Starks, Florida
Ratification of Elections of Les Divisional Demi Chapeaux Nationaux	
Introduction of Les Demi Chapeaux and Pinning by Les Demi Chapeaux Nationaux	
Report of Judge of Elections.....	Mrs. Jane Willis
Presentation of Newly Elected Officers for 1986-87	
Unfinished Business	
"Blessed be the Tie That Binds"	Assembly

Recess

Post Marche Pouvoir

Saturday, September 6, 1986 immediately following	Caprice, 1, 2, 3, 4	2:30 P.M.
close of morning session, in Pavillon Room.		Mrs. James Malone, La Secretaire-
School of Instructions		Caissiere Nationale Presiding

La Marche Banquet Pavillon Room – 7:00 P.M.

Presentation of Guests Mrs. Dorothy Brady,
Banquet Chairman
Invocation Mrs. Donald Still,
L'Aumonier National
Pledge of
Allegiance Mrs. Donna Baley,
La Concierge Nationale
"God Bless America" Patricia Courtney,
Le Musiciene and Assembly
Welcome Mrs. Dorothy Brady,
Banquet Chairman
Response Mrs. Chester Hayes,
Le Demi Chapeau National
Entertainment
Installation of Officers 1986-1987
Passe Pin Mrs. Harvey Keefe,
Chapeau National Passe
Benediction Mrs. Donald Still,
L'Aumonier National
Retirement of Colors
Adjournment of
La Marche National 1986

1986 La Marche Nationale Local Committees

Special Marche Committees

DISTINGUISHED GUESTS

Mrs. Wm. Staley, Sr.,
Chairman
Mrs. James Gleason
Mrs. Lawrence Hunt, Sr.
Mrs. Harvey Keefe
Mrs. Harry Russell
Mrs. Sherman Lansdale
Mrs. Lucien Landry
Miss Dorothy Dolly
Mrs. Herman Reimink
Mrs. Chris Schweitzer
Mrs. Charles Smith

Credentials

Mrs. Carmen Karr, IL
Chairman
Mrs. Johanna Krogstad, NY
Mrs. Margaret Davis, LA

Permanent Organization

Mrs. Albert Privetera, NJ,
Chairman
Mrs. Mary M. Richey, AR
Mrs. Leona Martin, MI

Rules and Order

Mrs. Betty Beaty, IN,
Chairman
Mrs. Barbara Watts, CO
Mrs. Bernice Bergeron, CT

Resolutions

Mrs. Mary Lou Minor, MO,
Chairman
Mrs. Myrtle Horn, OR
Mrs. Jo Ford, KY

Les Marchals

Mrs. Venita Holthaus, WA
Mrs. Carol Yost, KS

National Pages

Mrs. Andrew Fincham, FL,
Chairman

Mrs. Melvin Pfohl, FL,
Vice Chairman
Mrs. Dorothy Dill, AL
Mrs. Diane Krentz, MN
Mrs. Myrtle Baker, OK
Mrs. Judy Lewis, UT
Mrs. Catherin Dupree, VT
Mrs. Joan Miller, AK
Mrs. Mille Fortune, MS
Mrs. Loretta Becker, NE
Mrs. Marion Miller, PA
Mrs. Teresa Torrence, VA

Personal Pages to

Le Chapeau National

Mrs. Kathy Morse, FL
Mrs. Dorothy Hanner, FL,

Honorary

Mrs. Dorothy Bartholomew, FL

Mrs. Ethel Marsh, CA

Personal Page to La Secreteire-Caissiere Nationale

Mrs. Thelma Starks, FL
Judge of Elections
Mrs. Jane Willis, OH

Tellers

Mrs. Byrla Jean, AR
Mrs. Martha Barron, AZ
Mrs. Cheryl Bossenmeyer, LA
Mrs. Jean Cherpital, KS

La Musiciene

Patricia Courtney, OH

Candidates Reception

Mrs. Joseph Mardu,
Le Chapeau National Passe

Chairman

Violet W. Aichholz

Co-Chairman

Dorothy Brady

Co-Chairman

Joycelyn Bowman

Banquet Chairman

Dorothy Brady

Banquet Tickets &

Reservations

Joycelyn Bowman

Decorations Chairman

Jane Balzhise

Decorations Chairman

Mae Henson

Halls & Seating Chairman

Mavis Mederer, *Chairman*
Betty Young, *Co-Chairman*
Betty Smith, *Co-Chairman*
Marie Bruchsel,
Co-Chairman

Publicity

Penny Singleton

Entertainment

Roberta Moore

Registration

Eileen Yost, *Chairman*

Registration Co-Chairman

Gail Roddy

Flowers & Corsages

Edna McDonald, *Chairman*
Martha Johnson,
Co-Chairman

Aide for Chapeau National

Jane McClinic

Aide for L'Aumonier National

Anna DeJane

Information Chairman

Dorothy Worf

Lost and Found

Luetta Papenfus

Candidate's Reception

Cindy Marsh

Pianist

Patricia Courtney

Display Chairman

Dorothy Senior

Favors Chairman

Grace Shade

Hospitality Chairman

Grace Shade

Chapeaux Nationaux

Passe Breakfast

Shirley Davis

Transportation

Penny Singleton

Banquet Program Chairman

Violet W. Aichholz

State Signs and Name Tags

Martha Marsh

Divisional Breakfasts

Coordinators

Central Division —
Doloris Kilgore
Eastern Division —
Jane Willis
Northwestern Division —
Doris Standriff
Southern Division —
Irene Meir
Western Division
Patricia Henthorn

First Aid Station

Gwendolyn Maurer

The Sons of The American Legion



Royce Doucet
National Commander



D. David Bourland, Jr.
National Adjutant

National Vice Commander (East)
..... *Milton Sawyer (ME)*
National Vice Commander (South)
..... *John Dietz (KY)*
National Vice Commander (Central)
..... *David Faust (WI)*
National Vice Commander (Midwest)
..... *Wendell D. Gordon (NM)*
National Vice Commander (West)
..... *Michael Isaacson (AK)*
National Assistant Adjutants
..... *Richard McKenry (GA)*
..... *Larry Paulus (IN)*
National Chaplain..... *Richard Kepler (AZ)*
National Historian *Robert Worrel (IN)*
National Judge Advocate
..... *J.R. Stillwell (IL)*
National Sergeant-at-Arms
..... *Larry Aichele (FL)*
National Commander's Aide
..... *Jerry Guidry (LA)*

Past National Commanders

1968..... *Michael Seaton (CA)*
1969..... *Robert McBride (OH)*
1970..... *J. R. Stillwell (IL)*
1971..... *J. R. Stillwell (IL)*
1972..... *John Smolinsky (MA)*
1973..... *Robert Faust (CA)*
1974..... *James Hartman (MD)*
1975..... *Gregory Reis (IL)*
1976..... *Grant Jamieson (MI)*
1977..... *Charles Gannon (MD)*
1978..... *John M. Sherrard (CA)*
1979..... *Richard Kepler (TN)*
1980..... *Ernest Wilson (NJ)*
1981..... *Donald Willson (PA)*
1982..... *David P. Stephens (IN)*
1983..... *Christopher R. Cerullo (NY)*
1984..... *Fred Hartline (OH)*
1985..... *Woodrow L. Mudge, Jr. (CO)*

Agenda 15th Annual National Convention Cincinnati, Ohio

Sessions: All sessions, including those of the National Executive Committee, will be conducted in the Taft Room, Second Level, at the Westin Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Registration: National Convention Delegate and Alternate registration will be conducted in the Taft Room, Second Level, Westin Hotel, Cincinnati, Ohio.

Friday, August 29, 1986

1:00 p.m. **Registration** of National Convention Delegates and Alternates begins.
7:00 p.m. **N.E.C. Meeting** (Pre-Convention Meeting)
Call to Order—Royce Doucet (LA), National Commander
Hand Salute to Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation—Richard Kepler (AZ), National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons of The American Legion
Roll Call—D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX), National Adjutant
Other Opening Business

Reports of National Committees:

Children & Youth
Commander's Advisory
Commander's Project
Convention Committee
Membership Committee
SAL Color Guard

Reports of National Commissions:

Americanism
Community Affairs
Finance
Internal Affairs
Legislative
Public Relations
Rehabilitation
Unfinished Business
New Business
Good of the S.A.L.
Benediction—Richard Kepler (AZ), National Chaplain

Saturday, August 30, 1986

8:00 a.m. Delegate and Alternate Registration opens

9:00 a.m. 15th Annual National Convention

Call to Order—Royce Doucet (LA),
National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation—Richard Kepler (AZ),
National Chaplain
Preamble to the Constitution of The Sons
of The American Legion
Roll Call—D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX),
National Adjutant
Reading of Convention Call—D. David
Bourland, Jr. (TX), National Adjutant
Opening Remarks—Royce Doucet (LA),
National Commander
Establishment of Convention Committees
Report of Credentials Committee
Report of Legislative & Rules Committee
Salute to the Colors
Recess

1:00 p.m. Call to Order—Royce Doucet (LA),
National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Roll Call—D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX),
National Adjutant
(Note: During the Convention session,
various addresses will be delivered)

Reports of National Officers

Milton Sawyer (ME), National Vice
Commander
John Dietz (KY), National Vice
Commander
David Faust (WI), National Vice
Commander
Wendell D. Gordon (NM), National Vice
Commander
Michael Isaacson (AK), National Vice
Commander

**Reports of National Convention
Committees**

Credentials—Preliminary Report
Americanism
Constitutional Amendments
Finance
Internal Affairs
Legislative & Rules
Membership
National Commander's Special
Awareness Committee
National Commander's Special Project
Rehabilitation
Presentation of National History Contest

Awards—Robert Worrel (IN), National
Historian
Report of Credentials Committee—Final
Report for First Session
Presentations to National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Area Caucuses

Sunday, August 31, 1986

8:00 a.m. Registration Opens

9:00 a.m. Registration Closes

Call to Order—Royce Doucet (LA),
National Commander
Salute to the Colors
Pledge of Allegiance
Invocation—Richard Kepler (AZ), National
Chaplain
Roll Call—D. David Bourland, Jr. (TX),
National Adjutant
National Convention Memorial Service—
Richard Kepler (AZ), National Chaplain
Report of Credentials Committee—Final
Report
Special Order of Business—Election of
National Officers
—National Commander
—National Vice Commanders (5)
—National Chaplain
Installation of Newly Elected National
Officers
Benediction—Richard Kepler (AZ),
National Chaplain
Retirement of Colors
Final Adjournment—Royce Doucet (LA),
National Commander
N.E.C. Meeting—Post-Convention Meeting
(following conclusion of National
Convention)
Call to Order—Newly Elected National
Commander
Salute to the Colors
Invocation—Newly Elected National
Chaplain
Roll Call—National Adjutant
Confirmation of Appointed National
Officers
Appointment of Special NEC Committees
New Business
Unfinished Business
Benediction—Newly Elected National
Chaplain
Adjournment—Newly Elected National
Commander

**2:00 p.m. Parade (I Division, immediately following
The American Legion Youth Award
Winners)**

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1987 MEMBERSHIP

Target Dates and Department Goals

At the Annual M&PA Committee meeting held at National, January 16-17, 1986, one of the recommendations of the Committee, to the staff, was to research a realistic goal structure in which The American Legion could reach 3,000,000 members within a short period of time. After much study and input, a new goal system was developed. The membership goal system was presented in its entirety to the Internal Affairs Subcommittee on Marketing and was unanimously endorsed by this Subcommittee. The plan was then presented to the full Internal Affairs Commission. This Commission enthusiastically endorsed the program as a means for The American Legion to realistically reach 3,000,000 members in 1987.

This criteria for a goal system is based on positive growth and attainable goals. The only criteria used are those which Department/District/Post have direct control over. They are:

- a) previous membership year used as base year (1985 year) — plus —
- b) 70% renewal of current year's DMS (1986) — plus—
- c) 2% of previous year (1985) — the total of these three becomes the projected goal for 1987.

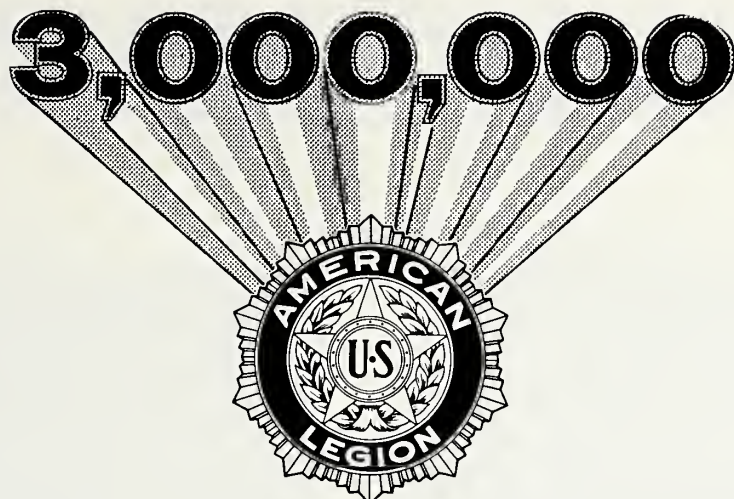
example:	Department X final 1985 = 10,000	10,000
	Department X 1986 DMS = 100 x .7	+ 70
	Department X 2% of 1985 = 200	+200
	Department X 1987 goal is	10,270

Departments will negotiate a commitment based on this pre-established goal or on an adjusted goal based on a Department's individual situation relative to percentage of market already attained.

National Headquarters is committed to helping each Department reach their goal. Membership tools, materials, and personnel will be available from National Headquarters. With all the Departments working as one team, we can and will reach our goal of 3,000,000 members in 1987.



...in 1987



...in 1987

The following dates are for the 1987 Membership Direct Renewal Notice and Membership Target Dates.

1987 Direct Renewal Dates (receipt*)

June/July
Mag. promo
to renew
locally

Sept. 15
1st renewal
notice

Nov. 15
2nd renewal
notice

Jan. 15
3rd renewal
notice

March 10
4th renewal
notice

July 1, renewal — optional

1987 Target Dates (receipt*)

Aug. 15
Success
level 1
30%

Oct. 15
Success
level 2
60%

Dec. 15
Success
level 3
80%

Feb. 20
Success
level 4
90%

March 31
Success
level 5
100%

May 1
Success
level 6
110%

July 27, 1987
Delegate
Strength

*receipt — must be in National Headquarters on that date — NO POSTMARKS!

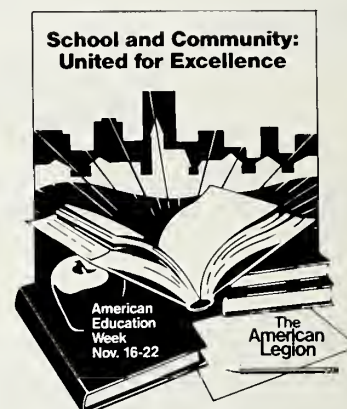
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At the U.S. Military Academy, Cadet Jeffrey A. Hanko received The American Legion Award for outstanding achievement in chemistry. The award was presented by National Vice Commander H.F. "Sparky" Gierke of North Dakota.



Graduating Midshipman James Addison of Scotia, NY, who stood highest at the Naval Academy in political science courses with emphasis on international relations, receives The American Legion Award from National Vice Commander Miles S. Epling of West Virginia.



The American Legion's award for excellence in athletics was presented to the dual winners at the Coast Guard Academy by National Vice Commander Bernard L. Black of South Carolina. Receiving the award on the left is Daniel Pippenger of Culver, IN, on the right is John Gallagher of Rockland, MA.



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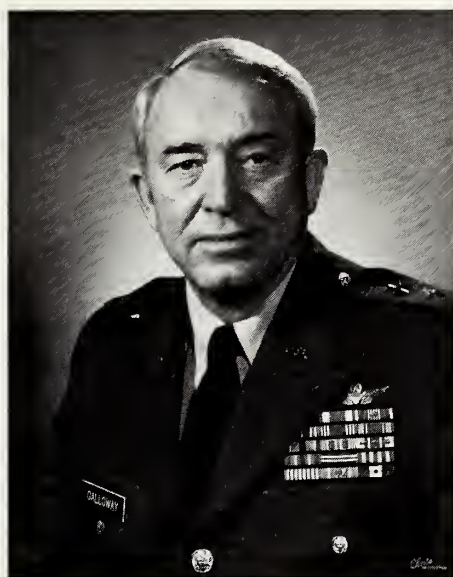
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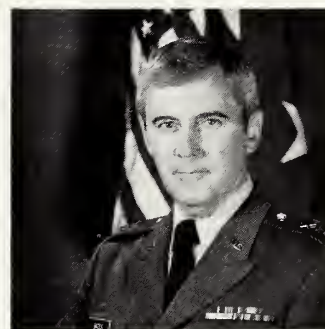
Parade Deputy Grand Marshals



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USA*



*B. Gen. Anthony J. Farrington, Jr.
USAF*



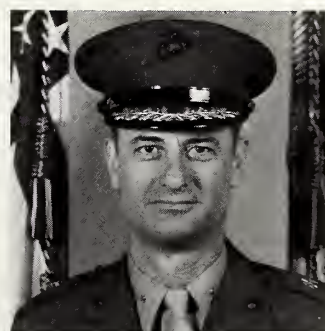
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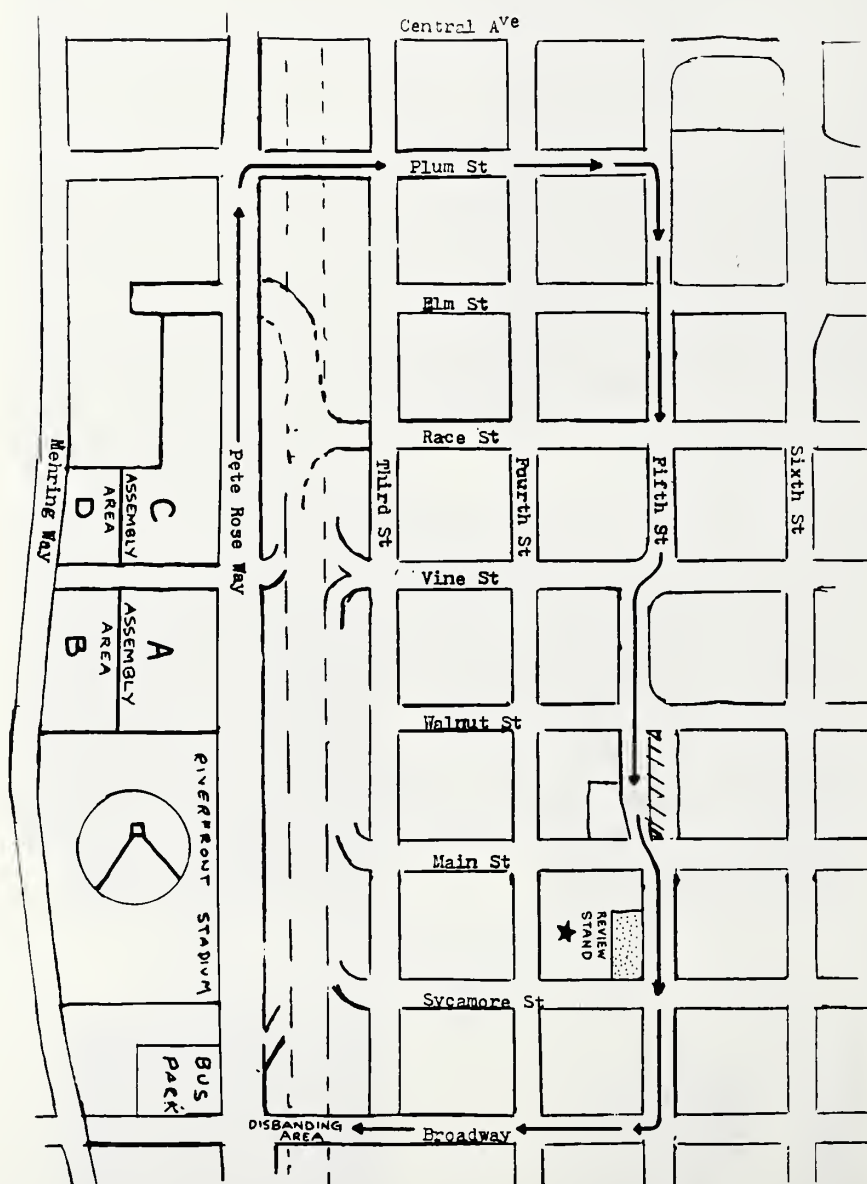


*BG David A. Brahms
USMC*

The American Legion National Convention Corporation of Ohio and The American Legion expresses thanks and appreciation to Major General Raymond R. Galloway, Grand Marshal; the Parade Deputy Grand Marshals; the DOD Coordinator and the Project Officers for their cooperation and contributions towards the success of the 68th Annual National Convention of The American Legion.

Parade Information

The American Legion 68th National Convention Cincinnati, Ohio



Date:
August 31, 1986

Time:
2:00 P.M.

Formation Area:
Riverfront Stadium Parking
Lot. (See attached map)

Route:
Commencing at Fourth and
Plum Streets, north on Plum
to Fifth Street, east on Fifth
Street to Broadway, south
on Broadway to Third
Street.

Reviewing Stand:
South side of Fifth Street at
Sycamore Street.

Disbanding Area:
Broadway between Third
Street and Pete Rose Way.

Parade Order

The American Legion National Convention Parade

Sunday, August 31, 1986

2:00 P.M.

Honorary Marshal

The Honorable Charles J. Luken
Mayor, City of Cincinnati, Ohio

Grand Marshal

Major General Raymond R. Galloway
The Adjutant General of Ohio
2825 W. Granville Road
Worthington, Ohio

Honorary Grand

Marshal

Clarence M. Bacon
6045 Tenth Place
Hyattsville, Maryland

Deputy Grand Marshals

BG Peter J. Offringa
Commander
U.S. Army Engr. Div., Ohio "River"
Cincinnati, Ohio

MG Jimmy F. Bates, USAR
Asst. Chief of Engineers for Mobilization,
Reserve Affairs and Logistics
Cincinnati, Ohio

BG David A. Brahms
Director, Judge Advocate Division
Commandant of the Marine Corps
HQ, U.S. Marine Corps
Washington, D.C.

RA Richard F. Butts
Inspector General/Commander in Chief
U.S. Atlantic Fleet
Norfolk, Virginia

BG Anthony J. Farrington, Jr.
Commander
Logistics Operations Center
Air Force Logistics Command
Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio

RA Robert T. Nelson
Commander
Second Coast Guard District
St. Louis, Missouri

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Cincinnati, Ohio

Parade Chairman

Robert Hammond
360 Elliott Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

Parade Order

The official parade of the 68th National Convention of The American Legion will be governed by instructions contained herein, together with the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area Map, which are made a part hereof.

1. Time: (All times in these orders are Eastern Daylight Time.)

- (A) The leading element of the parade will move from the "Initial Point," (Fourth and Plum Streets) promptly at 2:00 p.m., Sunday, August 31, 1986, regardless of weather.
- (B) The time and place of assembly for each Department or element of the parade will be shown in detail on the Organization and March Timetable, a copy of which has been sent to each Department Parade Chairman. **A meeting of all Department Parade Chairmen will be held at 1:00 p.m., Saturday, August 30, 1986 in Room 300-301 of the Convention Center.**
- (C) A Parade Official will direct Departments and elements of the parade to their assigned assembly area. He will advise all bus drivers of the route to follow to the disbanding area.
- (D) Because of the nature of the assembly area, accurate logistics are essential. **Promptness in arrival at the assembly area is mandatory.**

2. Route: Commencing at Fourth and Plum Streets, north on Plum to Fifth Street, east on Fifth Street to Broadway, south on Broadway to Third Street.

3. Assembly Area: Riverfront Stadium Parking Lot:

Assembly Area A — Assembly Area B — Assembly Area C — Assembly Area D

- (A) **Recommended Walking Area** — For those who will walk to the Assembly Area — Take Race Street or Walnut Street (toward the River) to Pete Rose Way to Parking Lot of Riverfront Stadium.
- (B) Additional instructions for each Department will be furnished by the Parade Committee at the meeting of the Department Parade Chairmen on Saturday, August 30.
- (C) Float assembly area will be announced.

4. Organization

- (A) All elements have been assigned to Divisions, each under the direction of the Parade Officials. The composition of these divisions, order of march and time and place of assembly is shown on the Organization and March Timetable and Assembly and Disbanding Area map supplied to the Department Parade Chairman.
- (B) All Department of Defense Units will be governed by applicable regulations.
- (C) Each Department Commander or appointed parade representative will be responsible for the order of march and promptness of arrival at the assembly area of all units of his Department. All units will conform to the following distribution and formation:

(1) Massed Colors: Eight (8) abreast

All American Flags, the Department and Post Colors of each Department and the Department and Unit Colors of each Department of the Auxiliary will be massed at the head of each Department Delegation in that order.

(2) American Legion units within Departments will march in formation eight (8) abreast, one and one-half yards between ranks.

(3) Bands And Drum Corps: As directed by Drum Majors, but not to exceed eight (8) abreast.

(4) Authorized floats and automobiles in single column. No unauthorized floats or automobiles will be allowed to participate. **All vehicles participating in the parade must be equipped with identifying signs on sides thereof, and must also carry an "OFFICIAL CAR" sticker on the windshield.**

(5) **Absolutely NO Maneuvers Except for a Forward Movement.** Marching units, bands, contesting Color Guards and Drill Teams must abide by this regulation.

(D) Distances:

- (1) Between Divisions 30 yards
- (2) Between Departments 20 yards
- (3) Between elements of a Department 10 yards

5. Disbanding Area:

On Broadway between Third Street and Pete Rose Way.

6. Official Reviewing Stand:

The official reviewing stand will be located on the south side of Fifth Street at Sycamore Street.

Elements will render a salute to the National Commander while passing the reviewing stand (eyes right).

7. Eligibility to Participate in the Parade and Conduct of Participants

- (A) Pursuant to a resolution adopted at a meeting of the National Convention Commission at Miami Beach on March 12, 1960, there will be no participation of any vehicles, equipment or items of wearing apparel of the 40 et 8. This regulation will be enforced by the Parade Committee of the 1986 Convention Corporation.

- (B) With exception of police, military and naval escort, and distinguished guests, eligibility to participate in the parade is limited to the members of The American Legion and the uniformed bodies of The American Legion Auxiliary, subject to restriction of the following activities which shall be prohibited in the line of march:

- (1) The drinking of or simulated drinking of intoxicants.
- (2) Participants under the influence of intoxicants.
- (3) Use of water pistols and electric shocking devices.
- (4) Female impersonators.
- (5) Firecrackers and any other explosives.
- (6) Any presentation or representation either immoral or in bad taste.
- (7) Distribution of souvenirs, promotional or advertising material, either from floats or by marching units.

- (C) Violators of any of the above rules will be dismissed from the parade immediately.

8. First Aid Stations:

First Aid Stations will be established in the assembly area and at intervals along the line of march.

9. Parking of Chartered or Post Buses:

After unloading at the assigned assembly area, buses will proceed to the assigned disbanding area. Parade Officials will direct marchers to their parked bus or buses. **(Personal Belongings and All Equipment Must Be Removed From the Buses When Unloading at the Assembly Area.)**

March Order

Escort Division—

Assemble at Area A — Assemble at 1:30 p.m.

Departure at 2:00 p.m.

- A. Cincinnati Police Escort
- B. Cincinnati Fire Division Color Guard
- C. Hamilton County Sheriff Patrol
- D. Honorary Marshal
- E. Grand Marshal
- F. Honorary Grand Marshal
- G. Deputy Grand Marshals
- H. George Patton (Impersonator — Merlin James)
- I. United States Army
 - U.S. Army Recruiting Color Guard
 - 100 Division Band
 - 812 Supply Group
 - 324 Engineer Detachment
- J. United States Marines
 - Marine Corps Recruiting Station Color Guard
 - 2nd Marine Aircraft Wing Band
- K. United States Navy
 - Miami University Navy ROTC Drum & Bugle Corps & Drill Team
 - Naval Sea Cadets Corps
- L. Air Force
 - 661st Air Force Band of Flight
 - 2750th Air Base Wing Color Guard
 - 2750th Air Base Wing Marching Flight (60 men)
- M. Coast Guard
 - Coast Guard Ceremonial Honor Guard
- N. Ohio National Guard
 - Ohio National Guard Minuteman Color Guard
 - 134th Engineers Group
 - Troop A 237 Cavalry
- O. Indiana Army National Guard
 - Mounted Color Guard
- P. Ohio Military Museum, Inc.

Division I—Assemble at Area B — Assemble at 1:45 p.m.

- 1. Aurora American Legion Band, Aurora, Illinois
- 2. National Colors and 1985 National Championship Color Guard
 - Lake Shore Post 137, Jacksonville, Florida
- 3. National Commander
- 4. National Officers
- 5. Oconomowoc American Legion Band
- 6. National President
- 7. National Secretary
- 8. Junior Auxiliary
- 9. Philo High School Band
- 10. Past National Commanders
- 11. Society of The American Legion Founders
- 12. Fort Frye High School Band
- 13. The American Legion Youth Award Winners on The American Legion Float
- 15. Sons of The American Legion
- 15. Norwood High School Band
- 16. Foreign and Outlying Departments
 - Mexico — Canada
- 17. East Clinton High School Band
 - Panama Canal — Philippines — Italy
 - France — Puerto Rico
- 18. Lebanon High School Band
- 19. District of Columbia
 - All Color Guards Will March With Their Departments

Division II—Assemble at Area C — Assemble at 2:15 p.m.

- 20. Utah
- 21. Roger Bacon High School Band
- 22. Florida
- 23. Arizona
- 24. Purcell Marion High School Band
- 25. Delaware
- 26. Alabama
- 27. Mobile American Legion Post 88 Float
- 28. Fairborn High School Skyhawk Marching Band
- 29. Michigan
- 30. Galion High School Band
- 31. Maryland

Division III — Assemble at Area D — Assemble at 2:45 p.m.

- 32. Virginia
- 33. Hudson Post 48 American Legion Band and Color Guard
- 34. New Hampshire
- 35. Maine
- 36. Eastwood High School Marching Band

- 37. Alaska
- 38. Connecticut
- 39. Western Brown High School Band
- 40. Hawaii
- 41. Mississippi

Division IV — Assemble at Area A — Assemble at 3:15 p.m.

- 42. Kansas City American Legion Band
- 43. Missouri
- 44. Oconomowoc American Legion Band
- 45. Wisconsin
- 46. Kansas
- 47. North Dakota State Band
- 48. Massachusetts
- 49. Georgia
- 50. Brazil Indiana Post 2 Marching Band
- 51. Indianapolis Motorcycle Drill Team
- 52. Indiana
- 53. Carmel Legion Post 155 Float
- 54. South Carolina

Division V — Assemble at Area B — Assemble at 3:45 p.m.

- 55. New Mexico
- 56. Glen Este High School Marching Band
- 57. Colorado
- 58. Vermont
- 59. Amelia High School Marching Band
- 60. Arkansas
- 61. Oregon
- 62. Montana
- 63. 9th District American Legion Band
- 64. Minnesota

Division VI — Assemble at Area C — Assemble at 4:15 p.m.

- 65. North Carolina
- 66. Texas
- 67. Aurora American Legion Band
- 68. Illinois
- 69. South Dakota
- 70. Sikora Post American Legion Band
- 71. New York
- 72. American Legion Post 264 of the Tonawandas Band
- 73. Louisiana
- 74. Edgewood High School Band
- 75. Nebraska

Division VII — Assemble at Area D — Assemble at 4:45 p.m.

- 76. Idaho
- 77. Mt. Juliet High School Marching Band
- 78. Tennessee
- 79. New Jersey
- 80. Rhode Island
- 81. Elder High School Band
- 82. Nevada
- 83. Wyoming
- 84. American Legion Band of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania
- 85. Pennsylvania

Division VIII — Assemble at Area A — Assemble at 5:15 p.m.

- 86. Turpin High School Band
- 87. California
- 88. Shawnee Post 193 Float
- 89. Kentucky
- 90. Decorah Kilties Band
- 91. Iowa
- 92. Miles Post 677 Avenue of Flags Float
- 93. Ida Grove Post 136 Float
- 94. Bondurant Post 396 Float
- 95. North Dakota State Band
- 96. North Dakota
- 97. West Virginia Highlanders
- 98. West Virginia
- 99. Washington
- 100. Elgin High School Band
- 101. Oklahoma
- 102. Statue of Liberty Float

Division IX — Assemble at Area B — Assemble at 5:45 p.m.

- 103. Ohio
- 104. Halker-Flege Post 69 Band, Reading
- 105. MacGregor Pipe Band Post 221, Massillon
- 106. Genoa Legion Post 324 Band
- 107. OolaKhan Post 372 Band, Cincinnati
- 108. Hugh Watson Post 530 Band, Greenhills
- 109. Marilyetts Drum & Baton Corps, Toledo Police Post

Annual Report

Covers Period Ending June 1, 1986

THE FINAL PAGES of this official program of the 68th Annual National Convention of The American Legion contain a condensed annual report for the American Legion 1985 year. A complete, detailed report has been prepared for submission to the Congress of the United States in accordance with requirements of the Legion's Congressionally-granted charter.

Believing that the delegates to the National Convention are entitled to receive a concise statement of the major activities of the American Legion year ending with this National Convention, your national headquarters provides this illustrated report as a part of the official program. In this manner, we are assured that every delegate and every one who registers for the convention will receive the condensed annual report.

The American Legion 68th Annual Report

A full, detailed report has been submitted to the Congress of the United States in accordance with the provisions of Public Law 249, 77th Congress. Approved September 18, 1941

ONE OF THE MOST important legacies left to us by the founders of The American Legion is the ability to respond to many and diverse issues simultaneously. During 1985-1986, National Commander Dale L. Renaud has put that ability to the test time and again in support of our traditions.

Commander Renaud's willingness to tackle complex and momentous problems kept The American Legion in its position of national leadership. Our organization remains a well-respected representative of not only the membership, but also a constituency of 28 million veterans and their families.

Since we last gathered in convention, Commander Renaud has carried us to the forefront of deliberations affecting national security, our foreign relations, and a multitude of domestic programs serving veterans and their families.

Within days following his election, Commander Renaud testified before both the Senate and House Veterans Affairs Committee, where he presented The American Legion's unflinching opposition to legislation to impose a means test and third-party reimbursement requirements on veterans using the VA health care system.

At the same time, over 5,000 newspaper editors throughout America received an editorial opinion by Commander Renaud based on his testimony before Congress. The Commander, in each official visit this year, reinforced that message by stressing the importance of Legionnaires taking the lead to assure that each veteran in America receives his or her **earned** benefits.

Positive, vigorous and visible community involvement continued throughout the year. Because of the work of thousands of volunteers, The American Legion remains on the leading edge of service to America.

During the year, national and international issues seemed around every corner. Commander Renaud, time and time again, was out front, patiently explaining our positions on vital issues facing America. Throughout this past Legion year, more and more people turned to The American Legion for authoritative information on the complex issues facing America's veterans and their families.

It also has been a year of observances and celebrations which further united Americans in appreciation of their proud heritage. Nineteen eighty six has been designated the "Year of the Flag." We saw the gala celebration surrounding the rededication of the Statue of Liberty, and the inauguration of the 200th Anniversary celebration of the United States Constitution.

The American Legion marked the 40th Anniversary of Boys Nation in 1986, and embarked on a second half-century of American Legion Boys State programs. Since its inception, this practical exercise in citizenship education has exposed more than two million youth to the principles of justice, freedom, and democracy.

The American Legion continues to be not only the largest, but also the fastest growing, veterans organization in the nation. The use of modern and proven marketing techniques along with the traditional method of "word-of-mouth" membership techniques has accounted for this phenomenal membership growth for the 1990s and beyond.

As we enter into yet another Legion year, let there be no doubt that we will continue to beckon America's veterans to "Get Involved" with The American Legion, while we ourselves are involved with America.



ROBERT W. SPANOGLA
NATIONAL ADJUTANT

The National Executive Committee

Between National Conventions, the administrative authority of The American Legion is exercised by the National Executive Committee composed of the National Commander, the five National Vice Commanders, National Chaplain, and one committeeman (plus alternate) elected by each department. Past National Commanders are life members of the NEC without vote. The NEC appoints the National Adjutant, Treasurer, Judge Advocate, Chaplain, Historian and Sergeant-at-Arms. The NEC also has full and complete control over the annual budget.

National Executive Committeemen

Alabama	Andrew J. Cooper	Missouri	William F. Liddle
Alaska	Robert G. Blair	Montana	W.P. Peterson
Arizona	Charles L. Vawter, Jr.	Nebraska	Wayne Davis
Arkansas	Lawrence E. Fisher	Nevada	Charles F. Langel
California	Don A. Drumheller	New Hampshire	M. Ray Olmstead
Canada	J. Archie Corriveau	New Jersey	James H. Hall
Colorado	Charles P. Smith	New Mexico	Robert W. Durand
Connecticut	Lionel F. Dugas	New York	William P. McLaughlin
Delaware	John K. Simons	North Carolina	Robert A. Tart
District of Columbia	Richard Billig	North Dakota	Robert E. Hennessey
Florida	A. L. Ulchar	Ohio	Thomas L. Gabel
France	William S. Lombardo	Oklahoma	Tom C. Smith
Georgia	W. D. Harrell	Oregon	T. Les Galloway
Hawaii	Robert J. Conrad	Panama Canal	Ricardo R. Machado
Idaho	Conrad Chisholm	Pennsylvania	Dominic D. DiFrancesco
Illinois	Firman E. Henricks	Philippines	Eligio Tionamba
Indiana	Gilbert E. Sheeks	Puerto Rico	Luis A. Andujar
Iowa	Mark J. Studer	Rhode Island	N. Pio Stizza
Italy	Frank C. Bottigliero	South Carolina	E. Roy Stone, Jr.
Kansas	U. S. "Udie" Grant	South Dakota	Donald Clarke
Kentucky	Joseph K. Goodness	Tennessee	John J. Maddux, Jr.
Louisiana	Carroll B. Fields	Texas	Harvey Holcomb
Maine	Anthony G. Jordan	Utah	William E. Christoffersen
Maryland	Robert W. Neal	Vermont	Charles A. LeBeau
Massachusetts	John P. Comer	Virginia	Emmett B. Burley
Mexico	Harry Wright	Washington	Clint Stebing
Michigan	Glenn H. Ainslie	West Virginia	Jack T. Gribben
Minnesota	Donald R. Schroedl	Wisconsin	Ted N. Mallow
Mississippi	Fred M. Ingellis	Wyoming	Frank M. Shaffer

Past National Commanders

Hamilton Fish	New York	Alfred P. Chamie	California
George N. Craig	Indiana	John H. Geiger	Illinois
Erle Cocke, Jr.	Georgia	Joe L. Matthews	Texas
J. Addington Wagner	Michigan	Robert E. L. Eaton	Maryland
W. C. Daniel	Virginia	James M. Wagonseller	Ohio
John S. Gleason, Jr.	Illinois	Harry G. Wiles	Kansas
Preston J. Moore	Oklahoma	William J. Rogers	Maine
Martin B. McKneally	New York	Robert Charles Smith	Louisiana
William R. Burke	California	John M. (Jack) Carey	Michigan
Charles L. Bacon	Missouri	Frank I. Hamilton	Indiana
Daniel F. Foley	Minnesota	Michael J. Kogutek	New York
Donald E. Johnson	Iowa	Jack W. Flynt	Texas
L. Eldon James	Virginia	Al Keller, Jr.	Illinois
John E. Davis	North Dakota	Keith Kreul	Wisconsin
William E. Galbraith	Nebraska	Clarence M. Bacon	Maryland
J. Milton Patrick	Oklahoma		

National Officers



Dale L. Renaud (IA)
National Commander



Robert W. Spanogle (MI)
National Adjutant



Bernard L. Black (SC)
Nat. Vice Commander



Norman Conn (CA)
Nat. Vice Commander



Vito M. DeFilipp (ME)
Nat. Vice Commander



Miles S. Epling (WV)
Nat. Vice Commander



H.F. Gierke (ND)
Nat. Vice Commander



Dr. Gordon L. Patterson
Nat. Chaplain (NE)



P.B. Onderdonk, Jr. (MD)
Nat. Judge Advocate



Webber LaGrange (IN)
Nat. Treasurer



Ethel M. Matuschka (WI)
Nat. Historian



Peter G. Hass (IA)
Nat. Sergeant-At-Arms

WHEN NATIONAL COMMANDER Dale L. Renaud gavels the 68th National Convention to order in Cincinnati, The American Legion once again will set to the work of adopting resolutions which will guide the organization through the coming year.

Founded as a service group in the days following the end of World War I, The American Legion has dedicated itself to service to God and Country for 67 years. In that time, The American Legion has helped all generations of 20th Century war veterans, their families and their communities.

With this vast cross section of Americans, The American Legion has constantly been a leader in volunteer efforts and provided an accurate barometer of attitudes and opinions at the grassroots level of America.

Totally dedicated to the highest ideals which prompted the founding of this nation, The American Legion consistently has achieved significant accomplishments through its legislative action, volunteer service and well-thought-out plans for the

future of America.

In order for The American Legion to accomplish its objectives, two offices are maintained. National Headquarters is in Indianapolis, IN. Major national offices also are located in Washington, D.C.

The organization's chief executive officer is the National Commander, elected by delegates to the National Convention for a term of one year. Other national officers chosen by National Convention action are the five National Vice Commanders.

Dale L. Renaud, of Bondurant, IA, is the 1985-1986 National Commander of The American Legion. Major accomplishments of The American Legion during his term of office are presented in the following pages of this program and condensed annual report.

Robert W. Spanogle of Michigan, the National Adjutant, is the chief administrative officer of The American Legion. The National Adjutant, the National Judge Advocate, the National Treasurer, the National Chaplain, the National Historian and the National Sergeant-at-Arms comprise the appointed National officers of The American Legion.

National Commander Renaud Signifies the Theme 'Get Involved, We're Winning!'



Testifying before both the House and Senate Committees on Veterans Affairs was one of National Commander Dale Renaud's first duties after his election August 28, 1985, in New Orleans.



National Commander Renaud took every opportunity during his travels to visit Veterans Administration Medical Centers and speak with veterans about their treatment.



National Commander Renaud met often with former Veterans Administration chief Harry Walters. On the administrator's departure from government service earlier this year, Commander Renaud said, "America's veterans are Number One, thanks to Harry Walters."



American Legion Auxiliary National President Josie Melgard of California joined National Commander Renaud at the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C., to lay a wreath and dedicate a stained glass window honoring all veterans, February 23, 1986.



National Commander Renaud made two trips to Central and Latin America to get a firsthand view of U.S. foreign aid assistance. Here, Commander Renaud discusses a unique housing project on the outskirts of San Jose, Costa Rica, with Jeff Boyer, housing director for the Agency for International Development in that country.



National Commander Dale Renaud met with about 60 media and government representatives attending a reception hosted by the Commander at the National Press Club in Washington, D.C., March 13, 1986.



Rep. Neal Smith (D-Iowa), received The American Legion Award for Distinguished Public Service from National Commander Dale Renaud during the Legion's 26th Annual Washington Conference, February 25, 1986.



Scott Cunningham, the 1986 March of Dimes National Ambassador, got an American Legion welcome from National Commander Renaud. Many Legion posts are long-time supporters of and contributors to the March of Dimes program.



National Commander Renaud met with President Ronald Reagan and presented the nation's chief executive with a bound volume of the resolutions adopted by the 1985 National Convention. Reagan is a Legionnaire from Pacific Palisades, Calif., Post 283.

Americanism Commission

Robert S. Turner (GA), Chairman
K. Michael Ayers (IN), Director



Robert S. Turner

POST-LEVEL, community-oriented programs are the lifeblood of The American Legion. Where we find strong, vibrant, Legion-sponsored programs for America's youth, we find energetic and flourishing Legion posts. Thousands of posts and hundreds of thousands of volunteers conduct programs of Youth Activities that promote good citizenship, healthy minds and strong bodies. It is your National Americanism Commission that has the responsibility for development and promotion of these activities, but it is the post that carries the programs to the community, and it is at the post level that the name of The American Legion shines brightest.

Included in this report are summations of major programs of the National Americanism Commission, programs for which you share responsibility and of which you can be justly proud. American Legion Baseball, Boys State, Boys Nation, the National High School Oratorical Contest and the concern for and support of the American Education System are just a few programs that continue to provide visibility and a very positive image for the Legion both locally and nationally.

The Americanism Commission continues to devote great attention to matters of federal legislation that affect the lives of all Americans. Current mandates of the Organization that are paramount to the interests of the Commission continue to be in the areas of effective intelligence agencies; with problems created by illegal aliens and the present immigration laws; with acts of terrorism; the return to prayer in the classroom and with the restoration of patriotic holidays to their proper, traditional dates.

Within the realm of responsibility for the Commission is the supervision and coordination of two National Standing Committees: the National Committee on Education and the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee; and one special committee: the National Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Boys State/Boys Nation

The American Legion believes there is no better way to assure the survival of our republic than to train our young people in the ideals and objectives of American Government. By teaching youth to understand and appreciate the basic principles involved in the successful management of a democratic society, we can keep America strong and ensure freedom for future generations. These are the distinguished and long-standing objectives of American Legion Boys State.

They are accomplished through a unique summer-time program, one that emphasizes not classroom lectures or textbook learning, but participation and personal experience in a model state, complete with its governing bodies and elected public officials.

More than 28,000 young men participated in the program in 1986, and added their names to the role of more than one million who have attended American Legion Boys State since its inception in 1935.

Every year each Boys State selects two outstanding graduates to represent them at American Legion Boys Nation. Held in Washington, D.C., in July of each year, it is here that the delegates are introduced, firsthand, to the federal city.

The first American Legion Boys Nation (then called Boys Forum of National Government) was held in Washington, D.C., August 4-9, 1946, under the sponsorship of the National Americanism Commission. It was officially adopted as a major youth activity by the 1946 National Convention, and subsequent action by the National Convention of 1949 changed the name to "Boys Nation." This year, 1986, the Boys Nation program marks forty years of government training at the federal level.

Oratorical

The Forty-Ninth Annual National High School Oratorical Finals were conducted on April 18, 1986, at the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. Fifty-three Departments of The American Legion participated in the Oratorical Program. The four National Finalists were:

First Place—Jennifer Jane Demmon, Marshalltown, Iowa; \$16,000 Scholarship

Second Place—Austan Goolsbee, Milton, Massachusetts; \$14,000 Scholarship

Third Place—Christopher T. Martin, Bonners Ferry, Idaho; \$10,000 Scholarship

Fourth Place—Rita L. Mort, Pasadena, Texas; \$8,000 Scholarship

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund also awards a \$1,000 scholarship to each Regional Contest participant and an additional \$1,000 scholarship to Sectional contestants who do not advance to the National Finals, for an annual total of \$109,000. To date, over \$1,200,000 in scholarship awards has been provided from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust Fund. Additionally, scholarships are awarded



Jennifer Jane Demmon, 18, Marshalltown, IA, accepts the championship trophy from National Americanism Chairman Robert S. Turner after winning the final round of The American Legion's National High School Oratorical Contest, April 18, Tuscaloosa, AL.

at the Post, District and Department levels.

In 1987, the National Oratorical Contest Finals will be held in Lee Summit, Missouri.

Scouting

The American Legion's interest and support of Scouting is illustrated by the selection of Randy Scott Votava, a 16-year-old junior from Warren, Minnesota, as The American Legion's 1986 Scout of the Year. He was sponsored by American Legion Post No. 27 of Warren.

An \$8,000 scholarship, payable in increments of \$2,000 annually, is provided to the Scout of the Year by The American Life Insurance Trust Fund.

Baseball

American Legion Baseball is culminating its 60th Anniversary season of nationwide participation as this Convention convenes. Eight Regional Champions representing nearly 4,000 teams fielded throughout the country by American Legion Posts and sponsors are competing at Rapid City, South Dakota in the 1986 World Series, August 28-September 1.

More than half of all Major League Baseball players this season gained training and experience in the Legion program before they signed their first professional contract. More and more participants are realizing college educations through scholarships granted to them following exposure in this athletic activity first sponsored by The American Legion in 1925.

Flag Education

The National Americanism Commission continues

its program of Flag Education through our publications "Know Your America" and "Let's Be Right on Flag Etiquette." The American Legion, a recognized authority on Flag Etiquette for over sixty years, has attempted to provide all citizens the necessary information and knowledge to properly and appropriately display the Flag of the United States. The office of the National Americanism Commission annually answers innumerable and varied inquiries regarding proper respect for our Flag and continues to promote Flag Education programs for elementary school students.

The Flag Etiquette slide presentation developed last year has been enthusiastically received and is being widely used across the Nation.

Service to God and Country

"Service to God and Country" is basic Americanism. This program is designed to help prevent the spiritual decay of America and to charge our citizens with a spirit of positive Americanism, respect for law, reverence for authority and an awareness of our human rights and freedoms.

The first of this dual objective is service to God through regular public worship, daily family prayer and the religious education of children. Legionnaires are called upon to make parents more aware of their responsibility to instill in their children the belief that God is the source of all rights and privileges.

The second objective is to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation by preparing young Americans to take up tomorrow's responsibilities. It is achieved by teaching them moral and spiritual values, renewed interest in our country's history, self-discipline, self-reliance, thrift and ideals of loyalty, honesty and physical fitness.

The program is coordinated by the Post Chaplain through the cooperation of local clergy and other public service and civic organizations which hold with



Stimulating competition throughout the country is enjoyed annually by thousands of participants in The American Legion Baseball program.

the principles of The American Legion's "Service to God and Country" program.

Get Out The Vote

Efforts of The American Legion to get all eligible voters to the polls for all elections stems from a mandate of the 1920 National Convention that called for "Legion men to become qualified voters and fully discharge their patriotic duty." Now broadened to include all members of the electorate, that mandate serves as the nucleus around which has developed this program to increase overall registration and voter turnout.

To assist Posts in conducting such a program, the National Americanism Commission provides information for conducting registration drives and ideas for assisting and encouraging voting.

History indicates that because 1986 is not a presidential election year, we can expect a light turnout at the polls. Because of this, our efforts to encourage citizens to vote must be heightened. Many U.S. Congressional seats, gubernatorial slots and offices from the state level down to school boards will be "up for grabs" on election day, November 4.

Committee on Education

Dr. W. F. Haynie (TX), Chairman

Since its inception in 1919, The American Legion has continuously concerned itself with the promotion of positive educational activities. A Joint Committee was formed with the National Education Association which brought about the first American Education Week observance in 1921. This Committee met annually to discuss educational issues and plans for each succeeding American Education Week observance.

In 1975, the National Education Association dissolved all committees involved with outside organizations thus ending nearly 55 years of cooperative effort in establishing national emphasis and input to the Nation's educational system. For that reason, The American Legion formed the National Committee on Education in order to maintain a strong positive influence on education. As the only national committee with a voting membership of both the Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary, it exemplifies the cooperation needed by our organizations and so vital in providing programs and activities that will have a meaningful effect on the schools.

The National Committee on Education meets twice annually and make their recommendations through the Americanism Commission.

Educational Activities of the Committee and Program

The activities of the Education Program are many

and varied. The National Americanism Commission, through its National Committee on Education, continues to emphasize citizenship education as the foundation of the program. This past year, The American Legion supported Project Literacy U.S. (PLUS), an unprecedented collaboration between ABC and PBS Television in dealing with the problems of Adult Illiteracy. Posts are encouraged to assist PLUS by getting involved with programs or begin new ones to help alleviate the problems of illiterate adults.

American Education Week, co-sponsored by The American Legion since 1921, will be observed November 16-22, 1986. The theme "School and Community: United for Excellence," emphasizes the role The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary can and should play in promoting educational excellence in the public and private schools in the community. By encouraging courses for our young people designed to prepare them for the world of work and responsible citizenship, the country is strengthened and our future will be secured.

Continued participation in the National Convention of Secondary School Principals, Counselors and School Board members reaffirms that our financial source book, "Need A Lift?" is serving an important role for young people seeking funds to attend college. "Need A Lift?" and the brochure "A Guide for Parents and Students" are used as basic tools by counselors working with young people and parents in financial planning for higher education.

American Legion involvement in these and the programs of Career Education, School Awards, local Scholarships and Essay Contests are more thoroughly explained in the education handbook, PACT (Post, Auxiliary, Community Together), available through your Department Headquarters or from the National Americanism Commission.

Counter-Subversive Activities Committee

F. Rodney Loper (PA), Chairman

The Counter-Subversive Activities Committee of the National Americanism Commission has learned that the Emergency Operations Center of the Federal Bureau of Investigation has been very busy increasing its surveillance of 10,000 Libyans, including 4,000 students, living in the United States. The FBI apparatus to detect potential terrorist acts in the United States includes wiretaps and increased personal surveillance, and students who are suspected of being government agents come under intense FBI surveillance.

Earlier this year, the Federal Aviation Administration graduated its first class of sky marshals trained for international duty to counter hijacking by terrorists. Since September 1985, the FAA has been

operating five-week training programs for sky marshals at a location that is being kept secret for security reasons.

Firing Line, the publication of the Counter-Subversive Activities Committee continues to be the vehicle by which news of subversive activities is reported. The Fall 1985 campaign conducted with the 12 targeted Departments resulted in a 32.6% increase of subscriptions within these Departments.

This Fall, ten more Departments have been selected to participate in the 1986 subscription drive: Arkansas, Maryland, Montana, New Mexico, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Tennessee, West Virginia and Wisconsin. Within these Departments, a 35% increase in the total number of subscriptions is being projected.

While the intent of *Firing Line* has always been to disseminate information concerning subversive activities and individuals, for the first time in several years, a small profit was realized last year. This was due in part to increased subscribers and careful monitoring of expenses.

Committee on the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution

Robert S. Turner (GA), Chairman

The document that serves as the foundation for the structure of American Government and guarantees individual freedom will be 200 years old next year. September 17, 1987 marks the Bicentennial of the U.S. Constitution.

Recognizing the principle that the document **must** be understood to develop activities appropriate to commemorate the observance and draw attention to the importance of the Constitution. In doing so the Committee desires to balance the important goals of ceremony and celebration with equally important



goals of examination (awareness) and education (understanding).

With the amount of information to be disseminated and the need for direction at Department and Post levels, the Committee strongly recommends that individuals at both levels be appointed to conduct Bicentennial programs and disseminate information as recommended by the National Committee. If the Bicentennial Committee is to be successful, if The American Legion is to leave its mark on this very special occasion, it will require not simple endorsement but the immediate action of the people within the Departments who can muster support and promote the Bicentennial Celebration.

Children & Youth Commission

Eugene V. Lindquist (MN), Chairman
K. Michael Ayers (IN), Director

TRADITION is based upon what has been done and what has gone on before. It tends to bind us to the past. As problems of young people change, so must our programs, our actions and our methods.

Our nation is having its problems, the results of which have a direct or indirect bearing on the actions of our children and youth.

Young people are showing their displeasure in many ways:

- Some are resorting to violence
- Some are turning to drugs, especially alcohol
- Some are running away from their homes
- Some have lost any sense of direction and in this attitude see adult life as futile and develop a "why should I go on?" mentality

Fortunately, the majority of our young people are not showing their distaste by resorting to the above points. Most are trying very hard to make the best of difficult situations.

Our National Children & Youth Program must have utility and practicality. It must be flexible and adaptable to meet these ever-changing conditions as they relate to our youngest generation. We must be willing to discard the successes of yesteryear and replace them with innovative programs that are



Eugene V. Linquist

relevant to today's needs. The philosophy governing our program should be based upon historical attitudes, but the methods and techniques used must be updated to keep pace with today's society.

Historically, The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary have served as major spokesmen for our nation's youth. If we are to continue this role, we cannot be bound to the past, but must be looking forward to greater challenges.

The Children & Youth Program of your National Commission has a challenging and lofty purpose which has been simply stated as "A Square Deal for Every Child." To be more specific, the goals of this program have been summarized as follows: First, to provide a setting conducive to every veteran's child having an adequate opportunity to realize his full potential. Secondly, to assure every American child a similar opportunity.

The strategy of The American Legion Children & Youth Program is embodied in the three following basic principles. These principles have withstood the test of time — an indication of their ability to withstand tremendous social and economic changes that our nation has undergone during the past five decades. With its flexibility has been blended a degree of practicality and realism which has enabled the great forces of our organization to be channeled into an effective action force on behalf of our children and youth. These three principles are:

- To strengthen the family unit against the forces of today's complex society
- To extend support to sound organizations and facilities providing services for our children and youth rather than establishing duplicated facilities and services
- To maintain a well-rounded program commensurate with today's young people

During the 1986 Spring meetings, your National Commission on Children & Youth met and decided to retain, for another year, three areas for national emphasis. These areas are critical and never before have we seen such a response by our volunteers to the special needs of our youth as they relate to these problems:

- Missing Children
- Drug Abuse
- Teenage Suicide

Missing Children

Every year, over 2 million children are reported missing. This includes runaways, parental abductions and stranger abductions. Though some might say this whole problem has been blown out of proportion, here are some sobering facts to help bring you back to the tragic reality of this problem:

- Only 10 percent of stranger abductions are recovered alive
- Hundreds of unidentified children's bodies are found in the United States each year

- Eighty percent of the dead victims were murdered within two days of their disappearance
- Many children who survive a period of abduction or separation from their families suffer lasting physical, emotional and mental problems
- Thousands of children disappear each year and their cases remain unsolved at the end of the year
- We find more stolen cars and stray animals than missing children each year

Is this a national concern? If only one child is stranger abducted each year . . . then the answer is yes! If for only a minute you could empathize with one of the many families that have lost children, maybe forever, then you can see that we must do all we can to prevent such problems through education programs designed for youth.

Drug Abuse

The problems related to the abuse of alcohol are not new. What is new, both in frequency and scope, is the extent to which these problems are showing up among junior high and high school students. Recent national studies report that 80 percent of all junior and high school students have tried alcohol, and 50 percent are current users.

Many parents express less concern over their children's drinking habits than they do over the use of marijuana and other drugs. But alcohol is a drug, a powerful depressant of the central nervous system, capable of inducing profoundly altered states of consciousness. Even in small doses, alcohol impairs perception, time estimation and reduces reasoning ability. In larger doses, basic brain functioning is compromised, resulting in abnormal body movements and mental confusion.

For some teens, the abuse of alcohol is initiated as experimentation born of curiosity. Other drink because of peer pressure and the very real need to conform. Still more turn to alcohol because of its tranquilizing effect on the anxieties that are, in a sense, exclusive to the period of adolescence.

The national drug abuse problem can be underlined with the tragic fact that alcohol is our No. 1 drug problem. Can we do more than we are to help our young people make responsible decisions about the use of alcoholic beverages? I believe we can. But more importantly, I believe **we must!**

Teenage Suicide

It is so sad when we hear that a young person in or near our hometown has taken their life. In such situations, we are at a loss as to what to say or do. Often we become angry because we are certain that somebody should have prevented this loss. Somebody should have warned the parents or teacher. Somebody should have done something.

Adolescence is a time of extraordinary change, and stress for teens and their families. As these youngsters

grow into adults, they meet opportunities and obligations to change from their childhood selves. They are too old to act like children and too young to act like adults. Impulsive behavior may arise as the young person seeks to resolve conflicting demands.

Many suicidal youths experience family troubles which lead them to doubt their self-worth and make them feel unwanted, superfluous, misunderstood and unloved. Many come from families who use guilt as a means of controlling behavior. Too often, parents and other adults criticize the child rather than the behavior. Loss of love contributes to the risk of suicide.

Parents, teachers and other youth leaders and friends of depressed or suicidal young people often ask the question "What can we do to help?" Probably the most important thing you can initially do is LISTEN. Don't panic and don't act horrified at what they say. When you get in over your head, get professional help.

Teenage suicide is a wasteful, stupid and meaningless permanent solution to a temporary problem. As adults and volunteers, there is much we can do through our national program.

Thank You, Ladies

Without the support of the American Legion Auxiliary and the Eight and Forty, our national programs would have little chance for success. These dedicated women give thousands of volunteer hours to our programs at the local, state and national level. In addition, a tremendous amount of monetary support from their memberships gives us that extra boost each year to help make our efforts successful.

In closing, I promise to you that our National Commission will always strive to address the most critical issues facing our youth each year. With the support of thousands of volunteers like yourself, ... how can we fail?

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.

U.S. (Udie) Grant (KS), President
Paul R. Frinsthal (IL), Executive Secretary



Foundation (MD); \$18,400 — Infant Hearing Assess-

For the 1985-86 year, the following grants were awarded: \$25,000 — American Red Cross (NY); \$22,500 — Aplastic Anemia Foundation (MD); \$16,500 — Cornelia de Lange Syndrome Foundation (CT); \$18,500 — Epilepsy Foundation of America (MD); \$1,500 — Find Me, Inc. (GA); \$28,300 — Foundation for Craniofacial Deformities (TX); \$5,500 — Immune Deficiency

ment Foundation (CA); \$35,000 — Leukemia Society of America (NY); \$27,100 — National Hemophilia Foundation (NY); \$21,000 — National Reye's Syndrome Foundation (OH); \$16,350 — North American Council on Adoptable Children (DC); \$20,000 — Orton Dyslexia Society (MD); \$2,900 — Parents Anonymous of Delaware, Inc. (DE).

The American Legion Child Welfare Foundation was created in 1954 for the following purposes: To contribute to the physical, mental, emotional and spiritual welfare of children and youth through the dissemination of knowledge about new and innovative organizations and well-established organizations and/or their programs, to the end that such information will specifically benefit youth and, in general, be more adequately used by society.

In order for our Foundation to give quality grants like those listed above, we must have your continued monetary support. Contributions can be made to the Foundation in the form of a memorial, bequest or just a contribution. All contributions are tax-deductible and best of all, 100 percent of your donation goes to helping children in need. Not one cent is spent from the contributions to cover administrative costs. That expense is taken from another source.

Let us hear from you today! Remember...this is your Foundation.

Convention Commission

Wendell G. Williams: (WI), Chairman
Robert P. Radke: (OH), Director

THE 67TH National Convention in New Orleans was attended by 12,000 Legionnaires and their families. The New Orleans Superdome was the site of the general sessions and many of the commission and committee meetings.

Although some of the convention costs were higher than expected, the Convention Corporation realized a modest profit which was divided equally with the National Headquarters. The convention was a success.

A major responsibility of the Convention Commission is to review potential sites for future conventions and then make recommendations of those cities to the National Executive Committee for approval. Last year the Convention Commission approved a plan to



Wendell G. Williams

recommend future Convention cities based on geographic regions. The country was divided into three regions; the Eastern, the Central and the Western. In 1991 a western city was eligible to be considered for a tentative bid. At the spring meeting in May in Indianapolis, the Commission recommended to the National Executive Committee to award a tentative bid to Phoenix for 1991. The National Executive Committee approved the recommendation.

The Commission recommended to the National Executive Committee to award tentative bids five years in advance. This helps bidding cities to prepare for our convention by working with the local hotels and convention centers for the best possible rates. In addition, it allows time for the local Convention Corporation to be properly set up and staffed to insure the best possible convention for Legionnaires, Auxiliary, SAL, 8 et 40 and families in attendance.

The dates and locations for the next five years are:

1987	San Antonio	Aug. 21 - Aug. 27
1988	Minneapolis	Sept. 2 - Sept. 8
1989	Baltimore	Sept. 1 - Sept. 7
1990	Indianapolis	Aug. 24 - Aug. 30
1991	Phoenix	Aug. 30 - Sept. 5

Other cities making bids were Las Vegas, Denver, Salt Lake City, Chicago and Louisville.

This year we will conduct only two uniform group contests. The Senior Color Guard contest will return to field competition. Senior Bands will be concert competition. There will not be any parade competition this year. The 1985 defending national champions are:

Sr. Color Guard — Lakeshore Post 137 Honor Guard
Sr. Band — Joliet American Legion Band
Sr. Drill Team — Apple Core Drill Team

The 1986 National Convention will offer a new treat to all attending delegates and family members. On Monday, September 1 we will conduct an activity called The American Legion Festival. This will be an exciting afternoon of entertainment, food, activities, military displays and programs designed to appeal to all attendees. Following the Festival will be The American Legion Night at Riverfront Stadium. Special activities are planned to promote the organization at the ballpark.

Additional tours and activities will be available. Take advantage of all Cincinnati has to offer.

The city is anxiously awaiting our convention. Cincinnati is a perfect blend of the old and the new. The people are friendly and proud to be hosting our convention. It is the sincere hope of the entire Convention Commission that you enjoy your 1986 National Convention.

Distinguished Guests Committee

Maurice E. Druhl (OR), Chairman

The Distinguished Guests Committee operates

under the umbrella of the National Convention Commission and is directed to assume the responsibility of coordinating the activities of those persons invited to attend the National Convention as distinguished guests.

The Committee arranges transportation requirements for their arrival and departure and also provides such services to the various events which the guest wishes to attend.

Proper credentials, agendas, itineraries and other necessary details are all involved in this service. Special requests are honored when possible.

The Distinguished Guests Committee normally operates out of the Legion Headquarters hotel. The facility is the nerve center for all of the Committee's operations and is maintained as a convenience and central locator for all distinguished guests.

The overall success of this operation depends almost entirely upon Legionnaires from the convention city and department. They provide experienced leadership and knowledge to conduct the activities of the committee throughout the convention.

Special emphasis is placed upon the ability of local aides, drivers and others to help make our guests feel comfortable and at ease during their stay in the Convention city.

Internal Affairs Commission

Herman G. Harrington (NY), Chairman
Raymond C. Patterson (IA), Director

THE INTERNAL AFFAIRS Commission is responsible for policies relating to the internal structure and operation of The American Legion at all levels. In addition, all resolutions and other official matters not falling within the area of assigned duties of other national commissions or committees are handled by the Internal Affairs Commission.

Four national standing committees are assigned to the commission for "supervision and coordination:" Constitution and By-Laws; Membership and Post Activities; Resolutions Assignment; and Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials. The Internal Affairs Commission is also the supervisory body for the Sons of The American Legion organization.



Herman G. Harrington

Membership

A report of the Membership and Post Activities Committee will be found separately in this publication.

Constitution and By-Laws

The only authority that can amend the National Constitution and By-Laws is accomplished by action of a National Convention. A standing committee on Constitution and By-Laws does, however, review and make recommendations of all proposed amendments.

Trophies, Awards and Ceremonials

This committee supervises all official national awards (with the exception of those related to uniformed group competition) and recommends to the National Executive Committee recipients of the Distinguished Service Medal, the International Amity Award and the Canadian Friendship Award.

At the 1986 Spring Meetings, the committee approved the nominations of Frederick Kirkland of Australia and General Fidel V. Ramos of the Philippines for the International Amity Award.

Also, the committee approved the nominations of Peter Semeniuk and Kenneth Denny Harrison for the Canadian Friendship Award.

The committee also submitted to the NEC and received approval for two resolutions: (1) To retire the following inactive awards from competition: The Russell G. Creviston Trophy, the General Frank R. Schwengel Trophy, The Startford Cup, The Cleveland Trophy, the F. Guy Griffith Trophy, the Garbarina-Mazarakos Memorial, the Alonzo Cudworth Post Trophy, the Paul V. McNutt National Postal Rifle Match Trophy, and the National Convention Golf Tournament Trophy; (2) To remove from the *American Legion Trophies Manual* those awards description pages identifying retired, discontinued and recinded awards.

Resolutions Assignment

The Resolutions Assignment Committee meets only at the annual National Convention. The committee has the responsibility of assigning all resolutions to the appropriate convention committee for report to the convention.

The Sons of The American Legion

The National Executive Committee of The Sons of The American Legion met May 3, 1986 in Indianapolis, Indiana. The NEC approved six resolutions: (1) To present U.S. Flags to public institutions selected by Detachments; (2) To honor Glenn R. Nichols; (3) To distribute monthly membership reports to all SAL officers; (4) The authorization to produce convention commemorative pins; (5) Support of President

Reagan's action against Libya; and (6) Support of continued VA care for aging and sick veterans.

Membership in the Sons of The American Legion has grown to 71,352 as of May 21, 1986. The program of the Sons of The American Legion continues its strong emphasis on education of its membership and the devotion of its Squadrons to rehabilitation services for veterans in VA facilities. It remains a healthy, vibrant program experiencing continued growth and support from Posts throughout The American Legion organization.

Consolidated Post Reports

Last year, nearly 50 percent of The American Legion Posts filed a Consolidated Post Report with National Headquarters. The 1984-85 year shows some truly remarkable assistance to all levels of America: Cash aid given veterans — \$1,073,331; contributions to the VA Volunteers Service Program — \$1,059,543; and 964,794 hours donated to VA; donated \$6,329,062 to sponsors of athletic teams; sponsored 44,511 Boy Scouts at a cost of \$801,898; gave \$1,038,847 in school scholarships; donated 1,638,384 hours and spent \$4,241,579 doing community service work; gave 368,007 pints of blood; and contributed \$4,064,737 to programs helping children and veterans. The greatest duty that The American Legion has is its service to veterans. We meet our obligations with pride and honor.

Paid-Up-For-Life (PUFL)

The American Legion Paid-Up-For-Life Program started 11 years ago as a convenience to our members. Since that time, nearly 35,000 Legionnaires have joined the ranks of the National Program. This method of membership is the best way to insure that you are always a paid-up continuous member. It is the most positive way a member can show support for The American Legion.

Direct Renewal

One of the measures The American Legion uses to judge the success of the various programs is through the continuing strength of its membership. Instrumental to the retention of members in the organization is the Direct Renewal Program, which is the use of a direct mail method that invites members to renew. This organized, uniform, and simple method has been a very successful and effective approach and is funded at NO COST to Departments or Posts. Members of participating Posts receive a first renewal letter about July 1. Second, third, fourth and fifth letters are mailed to unpaid members about September 15, November 15, January 15 and March 10, respectively.

An alternative to using the mail to renew members is to have responsible Legionnaires within the Posts getting involved and personally contacting those who now belong.

Adding the personal contact to the mail effort produces a winning combination that spells success for The American Legion.

The American Legion Good Neighbor Award

The following Legionnaires were selected to receive the Good Neighbor Award for outstanding volunteerism in the respective categories:

Mr. Bernard R. Melter (MN) — Work with Veterans

Formed the Goodhue County United Veterans Organization — a group of diverse veterans organizations. Mr. Melter also assisted in organizing a Memorial Day Committee in communities to appropriately recognize veterans grave sites.

Mr. Lourence H. Wallenburn (MO) — For Community Service

Because of Mr. Wallenburn's involvement with the Rural Fire Department, the 4-H, the Ball Teams Association and the St. Judge Children's Research Hospital, the community of Otterville, Missouri is a much better place to live.

Mr. John D. Mitchell (DE) — For Heroism

Used selfless courage and quick action to save a human life.

Mr. James LaBagnara (NJ) — For Youth Activities

Has worked his adult life with youngsters as an instructor, coach, Little League President, or anywhere he can assist.

Each of the above-listed members of The American Legion are truly "Good Neighbors." A dinner honoring the recipient will be held in the local community where a plaque and check made payable to his favorite charity will be presented.

National Leadership Workshops

The eighth annual series of National Leadership Workshops sponsored by the National Headquarters of The American Legion and Auxiliary in cooperation with all Departments will take place this September/October at eight regional sites around the United States. See the full page promotion elsewhere in this program for complete details on each workshop.

This forum of workshops is a setting to discuss matters of interest to the organization, but, more importantly, it offers the opportunity to inform, educate, and provide leadership training to anyone wanting to learn more about the past, present, and future of the Legion and Auxiliary. Many subject matters will be covered, providing a blend of experiences, sharing of ideas, problem solving, information exchange, and the sharpening of skills.

Become a part of the 30,000 other members who have attended past workshops. Be a Winner! Get Involved ... Catch the Spirit!

Direct Membership Solicitation

Research studies have shown that many veterans would consider joining The American Legion, but they have never been asked. In an attempt to reach as many of these veterans as possible, we are soliciting new members through the mail. This new and exciting membership program is called Direct Membership Solicitation (DMS).

DMS has proven successful, having acquired 250,000 new members for The American Legion since its inception. Fifty-one (51) Departments now participate in the DMS Program.

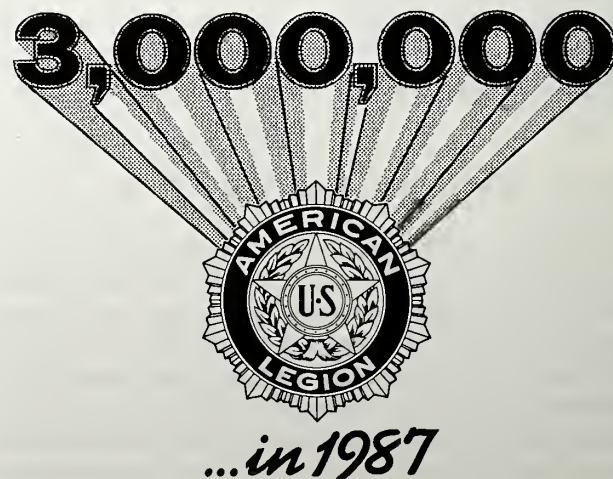
DMS will support The American Legion's drive for 3,000,000 members through expanded efforts and television support for the 1987 membership year. Plans for 1987 also include testing of premium offers to enhance to the mailings.

Family Benefit Plan

For business or pleasure, The American Legion takes great pride in announcing an expanded variety of services and savings available to members only. Beginning January 1, 1985, a limited number of corporations are offering discounts on hotel lodging, motor club membership, car rentals, etc. At this time, discounts/services are being offered by the following companies: Allstate Motor Club, American Red Ball Transit Co.; Atlas Van Lines, Inc.; Avis Rent-A-Car-System, Best Western International, La Quinta Motor Inns, National Car Rental, Marriott Corp.; Ramada Inns, Rodeway Inns, Seaworld/Cypress Gardens; Thrifty Rent-A-Car and United Van Lines.

These offers are valid only at participating locations, but can certainly come in handy when you travel ... you need only call the special telephone numbers to see if the discounts will apply. In the coming months, it is anticipated that other discounts will become available to Legionnaires. These benefits can help you and your family ... now more reasons than ever to ... GET INVOLVED.

Stop by the Membership booth at the Convention and pick up details about the expanded Family Benefit Plan.



Membership and Post Activities Committee

Douglas W. Henley (MD), Chairman
James M. Lindsey (MI), Director



Douglas W. Henley

Membership Strength Soars

Total official membership, 1985 2,641,159
1985 membership as of May 21, 1985 2,567,172
1986 membership as of May 21, 1986 2,632,420

Eligibility Dates Remained Constant in 1985-86

There have been no changes in eligibility dates for membership since the 1979 National Convention in Houston, Texas where new dates were established for Vietnam Veterans (December 22, 1961 to May 7, 1975). A Special Study Committee was formed to research validity of changing the eligibility dates. Once their report was filed and presented to the National Executive Committee, it was voted not to change the eligibility requirements.

23rd Annual National Membership Workshop

Two National Membership Workshops were held this year in preparation for the 1987 membership year. The workshops were held at National Headquarters in Indianapolis, July 24, 25, and July 31-August 1. The goal of the National Membership Workshop was to achieve a greater participation by individual Legionnaires in examining the membership objective of The American Legion. This exchange of ideas on a national scale continues to be one of the best methods of determining the future of The American Legion. Workshop participants left National Headquarters motivated and prepared to begin another successful membership year.

We are again looking forward to our eight National

Leadership Workshops during which we will take our Membership Workshop to the field.

New Posts

Posts Chartered — 4/30/85 to 4/30/86

No. of Posts as of 4/30/85 15,618
No. of Posts cancelled as of 4/30/86 112
No. of Posts chartered as of 4/30/86 72
Total No. of Posts as of 4/30/86 15,578

New Post formation in urban areas is one of the most difficult tasks confronting The American Legion. The Membership Division has put together a Strategic Planning Data Form for field personnel use. This form contains data from Departments to be used when formulating a strategic membership plan tailored to a particular Department. The information will help target areas in which assistance is needed.

1987 Membership Campaign Promotion

During the annual planning session of the Membership and Post Activities Committee held in Indianapolis, January 16-17, 1986, the Committee formulated the promotion plan for the 1987 National Membership Campaign. In excess of 65,000 various awards and incentives are incorporated in the National Membership Awards Program for 1987 to recognize outstanding membership accomplishments at all levels of the organization.

The M&PA staff has prepared a detailed Awards Manual for 1987 and promotional brochures describing Individual, Post, District and Department Awards that can be earned for membership performance.

National Theme for 1987

During the M&PA annual planning session, the Committee re-adopted the national theme of "Get Involved! We're Winning!" as Posts, Districts and Departments begin their 1987 Membership Campaign.

It was the consensus of the Committee that this is probably the most dynamic theme the Committee has adopted in several years. The theme continues the call for action in a positive effort and is directed at our own members, eligible non-members and the general public as well.

Several promotional items have been developed around this new theme including posters, countertop displays, brochures, bumperstickers, decals, and buttons.

Unofficial Membership Awards

This year, target points and \$25 Gift Certificates were awarded to each Department equalling or surpassing their assigned target date goals. The points are accumulated and determine winners of the National Commander's Team Plaque. Gift Certificates

are accumulated and one for each Department Commander and Department Membership Chairman will be awarded.

Early Bird Awards

Twenty-six Departments qualified for Early Bird target points and gift certificates. They are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Minnesota, Mississippi, Montana, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Mexico, and Puerto Rico.

Midway To Success

Thirty-six Departments qualified, they are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Colorado, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, Washington, Wisconsin, Panama and Puerto Rico.

Veterans Day Awards

The fifty-three Departments to qualify were: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Canada, Panama, Puerto Rico.

"Big Ten" Target

Forty-eight Departments qualified. They are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Panama, Puerto Rico.

"Big Ten" Competition Winners

Category I — Minnesota and Ohio; Category II — Kansas and Nebraska; Category III — North Dakota

and Virginia; Category IV — Vermont and Alabama; Category V — District of Columbia, and Idaho.

American Legion Birthday Target

Forty-seven Departments qualified: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming, Mexico, Panama, Phillippines, and Puerto Rico.

Special Certificate of Most Distinguished Service

This award was retired beginning with the 1986 membership year.

Individual Membership Workers' Awards

The 1986 membership year brought about new awards for recruiting new members. This change is to encourage growth throughout the organization. With this in mind, the new member recruiter awards were designed. Awards given under this program were 2,800 New Member Recruiter Decals for recruiting at least one new member and pledging to recruit additional. Higher level awards were: 5-9 new members, a certificate of achievement; 10-19 new members, a New Member Recruiter Lapel Pin; 20-29 new members, a New Member Recruiter Belt Buckle and 30 or above a \$25 Gift Certificate. Awards given to date in this category: Certificates — 1,926; Lapel Pins — 524; Belt Buckles — 139; and 70 \$25 Gift Certificates.

Posts submitted to their Department Headquarters the New Member Recruiter who signed up the most new members for 1986 by the Legion Birthday, March 17, 1986. The Department then forwarded to national the one recruiter who recruited the most new members. From those 58 recruiters, National chose one as National Recruiter of the Year. The winner for 1986 is Samuel D. Butler, Jr., (TX) for recruiting 342 new members. In addition to the National winner, the next 25 highest winners were awarded prizes. The winners are: R.G. Blaylock (MS), Joseph V. Stewart (MN), Lionel A. Morais (MA), Olaf R. Ahlquist (NE), Juan H. Cintron (PR), John A. Jamros (AZ), J. Edward Mattis, Jr. (PA), Thomas O. Rakes (FL), Ulas Ray White (AL), Randolph M. Hunley (VA), Ernest J. Kerekes (NJ), Jesse James "Jay" Morales (CA), Jim Morton (OK), Joseph S. Erazmus (IL), Charles H. Dike (KS), Jerry A. Greenwell (ME), John W. Sederquist (NH), Don Gardner (MI), William T. Kane (CO), Jerome L. Hoffman (CO), Lloyd Little (AK), David W. Mann (IN), Frank J. Trautman (OH), Carl F. Bartz (MT) and Kenneth Cahoon (RI).

100% Plus Posts

Three levels could be attained by Posts for increasing their membership for 1986. All Posts were assigned to categories by size, based on their respective 1985 total membership (as shown by close of books for the 1985 Department Convention.) The first level awards were 100% Plus Post Parchment Certificates, of which 2,435 were given. The second level awards were the Silver Post Award certificates, of which 780 were given. The third level awards were the Gold Post Award certificates, of which 687 Posts earned. One Post in each of the five categories certified with the highest number of increase for 1986 will be declared the "National Post of the Year" for that category. The 1986 winners are: Category I — Eagle Lake Post 162, CA +78; Category II — Frederick Phillips Post 121, KS, +107; Category III — Jimmie Lynn Post 186, TX, +197; Category IV — Santa Ana Post 131, CA, +170; Category V — Augustus Ruser, Jr. Post 273, FL, +325.

In conjunction with the 100% Plus Post Awards, a special incentive award was designed for the District Commanders responsible for the Posts reaching the Third Level. Each District Commander had his name placed in a special drawing for each Post reaching the Third Level. Five names were drawn, one from each category, for an all-expense paid trip to the Indianapolis 500. The five winners are: Joseph Tesreau (MO), Paul Dake (MI), Earl Hague (AR), Jackson Lucario (NM), Norman Taylor (RI).

Post Honor Ribbon

Post Honor Ribbons were shipped to 2,472 Posts whose 1986 membership as of December 31, 1985, exceeds the total 1985 membership.

Certificate of Meritorious Service

These Certificates were awarded to 480 Posts for attaining a new All-Time High membership for 1986 by December 31, 1985.

Top District Commander Competition:

Thirty-one District Commanders received a walnut based American Legion Desk Clock and Pen set with engraved brass plate: Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kansas, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Minnesota, Montana, Nevada, Wyoming, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oklahoma, Oregon, Puerto Rico, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Texas, Utah, Virginia, Washington, Wisconsin. These District Commanders received this award for attaining the highest percentage of increase over the District's 1985 total membership by The American Legion Birthday.

District Commander Achievement Award and District Honor Ribbon

One hundred-twenty-four Achievement Award

Plaques and Honor Ribbons were sent to those Districts whose 1986 District Membership as of May 1, 1986, exceeded the 1985 membership by at least one per Post.

"District Commander of the Year" Competition

Competition was divided into five categories based on the District membership as of May 1, 1986, compared to the District's 1985 final membership. A top District Commander will be selected from each category to win the National Award, with Second and Third place awards also being presented in each category.

Category I — Districts of 15 to 1,499 members

Category II — Districts of 1,500 to 2,999 members

Category III — Districts of 3,000 to 4,999 members

Category IV — Districts of 5,000 to 7,499 members

Category V — Districts of 7,500+ members

First Place Awards

Expense paid trip to the 1986 National Convention in Cincinnati, Ohio. Includes reserved seating ticket to National Commander's Banquet for Distinguished Guests, and a plaque declaring them as "District Commander of the Year". Winners: Category I — James H. Shoop, Jr., District 3, Utah, 310.76%; Category II — Lorenzo Rodriguez, District 1, Puerto Rico, 124.72%; Category III — Henry Amano, District 6, Colorado, 119.74%; Category IV — Thomas F. Stidfole, District 20, California, 111.93%; Category V — Robert J. Migalla, District 11, Illinois, 108.80%.

Second Place Awards

\$150 Gift Certificate. Winners: Category I — Leonard Hysell, District 1, Wyoming, 130.70%; Category II — Lee Gramling, District 9, Georgia, 123.84%; Category III — Hartwell Nolan, District 7, Georgia, 119.69%; Category IV — James H. Graham, District 13, Florida, 110.49%; Category V — Tom Rowe, District 22, California 106.31%.

Third Place Awards

\$75 Gift Certificate. Category I — Miguel Bermudez, District 2, Puerto Rico, 126.52%; Category II — James McMullen, District 11, Georgia, 121.92%; Category III — Neil Price, District 5, Georgia, 119.31%; Category IV — Joseph Ross, District 29, California, 110.09%; Category V — Andrew Janeski, District 16, Florida, 105.31%.

District Competition Target

Forty-six Departments reached this target. They

are: Alabama, Alaska, Arizona, Delaware, Idaho, Illinois, Indiana, Kentucky, Maine, Mississippi, New York, Ohio, Puerto Rico, Texas, Vermont, Wisconsin, Colorado, District of Columbia, Florida, Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, Missouri, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Carolina, Oklahoma, Oregon, Panama Canal, Pennsylvania, Utah, Arkansas, Connecticut, Georgia, Hawaii, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, Tennessee, Virginia, Wyoming, Mexico, Philippines, Italy.

Administrative Services

William D. Jackson (IN), Executive Director

THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, whose office is located in the National Headquarters, Indianapolis, has four major responsibilities.

1) He performs such duties as may be assigned to him by the National Adjutant to assist in meeting the myriad responsibilities of that office and during temporary absences of the National Adjutant from The American Legion National Headquarters, acts for him.

2) He heads the Administrative Services Division and through it supervises and coordinates the many administrative functions of the Indianapolis Headquarters.

3) He serves on the Personnel Committee of the Headquarters and is Chairman of the Management Review Board.

4) He coordinates EDP-Computer operations, which has a Director reporting to the Executive Director.

Included in the Administrative Services Division of the Indianapolis Headquarters are the following administrative functions: Purchasing; Graphic Arts; General Supply ... stock, receiving, shipping; Library, Archives, E.A. Blackmore Museum; Printing and Communications; building maintenance; Cafeteria; Personnel Division; Finance section and Insurance section.

The Administrative Services Division also provides all secretarial assistance to the executive officers of The American Legion.

Computer Center

The EDP-Computer Center is currently responsible for the following programs:

Revenue Enhancement selections for mailings, maintenance of Data Base and reporting system.

Updating of "The American Legion Magazine," SAL, Firing Line, Advance, Legislative Bulletin and ALNS mailing lists and printing of mailing labels and renewal notices.

Production of direct membership renewal notices and registers.

Production of membership cards and registers,

department accounting reports, statistical information, post questionnaire reports and welcome back notices.

The printing of department paper mailing labels, upon request.

PUFL members updating and financial checks.

The maintenance of inventory controls, purchasing controls and billing applications for The American Legion Emblem Sales Division.

Emblem Sales invoices and reports.

Production of general ledger accounting information.

Maintenance of the mailing list for the Extension Institute, ACT and Economic Nuggets.

Production of audit control and circulation analysis reports for **The American Legion Magazine**.

Production of inventory control and purchase order control of National Headquarters.

Accounts receivable and payable.

Retirement Investment program.

Furniture and Fixtures Inventory and depreciation reports.

Direct mail solicitation programs.

Consolidated Post Reporting.

National Commission and Committee list.

Post Office carrier route discount processing on all department, Magazine labels and Direct Billing.

The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

Jerome P. Dobel, Jr. (MO), Chairman

THE AMERICAN LEGION Life Insurance Plan now in its 28th year, was officially adopted by the National Executive Committee in Washington, D.C. on February 22, 1958. The Insurance Committee is assigned for jurisdictional purposes to the National Finance Commission and reports through the Commission to the National Executive Committee. The Insurance Plan is administered by the Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., located in Chicago, Illinois.

The Committee has met two times in the past year and reports that the Plan continues to experience premium growth. The American Legion has recognized a need for keeping pace with the nation's economy. Consequently, the Committee has periodically sought approval from the National Executive Committee to increase the maximum number of units for which members could apply under the Plan. The most recent action in that respect will be in effect January 1, 1987, when the maximum number of available units will increase from twelve (12) to fourteen (14). Legionnaires who were eligible for a

maximum of \$144,000 protection before, can now apply for coverage up to \$168,000 in The Legion Life Insurance Plan.

The National Executive Committee passed a resolution to continue a 20 percent "across the board increase" in all death benefits for the calendar year 1986. This is the 17th time in the 28 year history in which an increase of this nature has been made. Example: The \$144,000 policy becomes \$168,000 and a \$12,000 benefit is worth \$14,400. The cost per unit has never increased. It remained only \$24.00 a year.

The plan is underwritten by Transamerica Occidental Life Insurance Company of California. The coverage is arranged under a group policy for members in all states except permanent residents of Florida, Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Texas, and Wisconsin, who are insured under individual policies. The United States Life Insurance Company in the City of New York insures permanent residents of New York State and Puerto Rico.

The total premium received for 1985 was \$6,698,701. Premiums have continued to grow throughout the years. After the close of each calendar year and after all claims and administrative expenses have been paid in the group states, the unused premiums are placed in The American Legion Life Insurance Trust. There is in excess of \$5 million in this trust fund.

The American Legion Life Insurance Trust supports the National Oratorical Contests and The American Legion Baseball Program. The expenditures for 1986 include \$467,638, for the Baseball Program, and the Awards for Oratorical Contests are as follows: \$16,000 for 1st Place; \$14,000 for 2nd Place; \$10,000 for 3rd Place; and \$8,000 for 4th Place. In addition, each of our Department winners attending the regional contest receives a \$1,000 scholarship award. The eight contestants at the Sectional Contest receive a similar \$1,000 scholarship award. The total amount set aside for the 1986 Oratorical Budget was \$194,200.

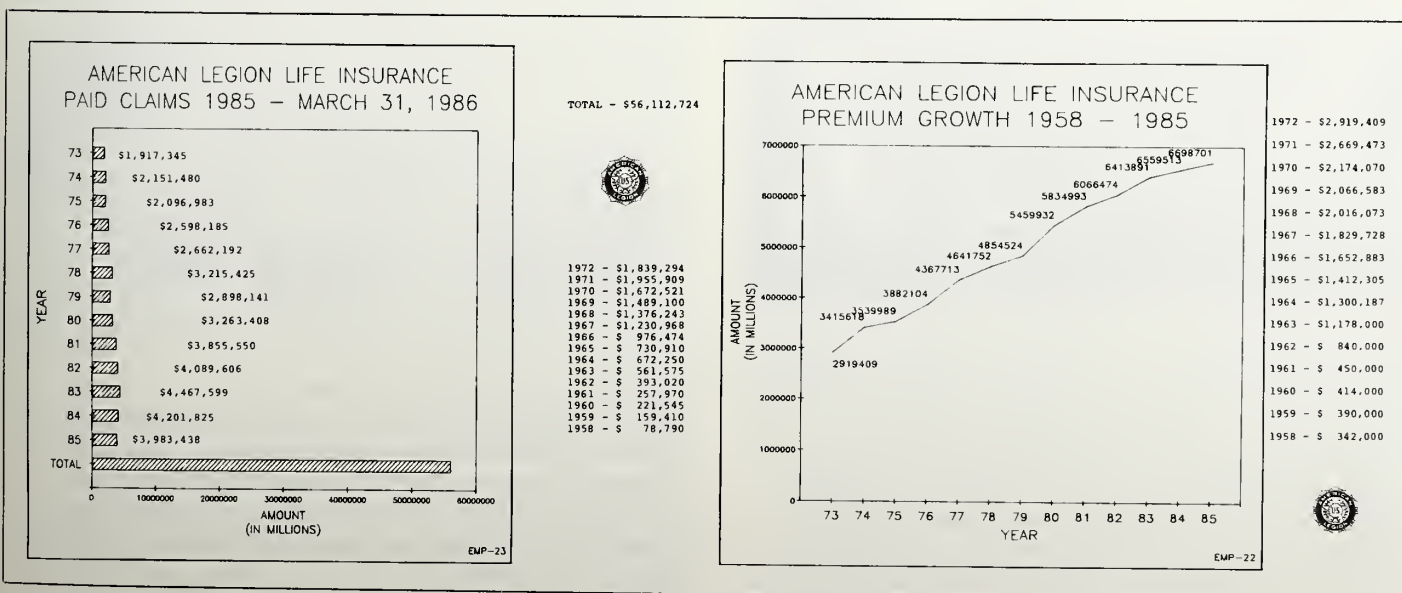
The Junior Uniformed Groups participating in the National Convention has \$20,000 set aside for their related expenses and \$127,194 set aside for the Boy's Nation Program. A \$2,000 Scholarship Award for the Boy Scout of the year was granted for 1986. The award is granted for up to four years and not to exceed \$8,000. These requests for grants of money are approved by The American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee, the Finance Commission, and National Executive Committee. Without question, these programs do much to shape tomorrow's leaders.

Over the past 28 years, more than 29,000 death claims have been paid, totaling over \$56,112,124 in benefits. During 1985, 1,460,348 Legionnaires who have been members of The American Legion from 2 to 20 years received a brochure mailing alerting them to the fringe benefit of membership and given an application to file if desired. In addition, over 62,547 Legionnaires enrolled in the Insurance Plan received a computer letter with an application reminding them that the Plan provides additional units, should they wish to increase their present coverage. Also, approximately 350,000 new members are being informed of this program. During calendar year 1986, approximately \$373,671 will have been spent for advertising in The American Legion Magazine.

Each year, on or about October 15, all insured Legionnaires are requested to report their next year's membership card number when renewing their coverage for the next calendar year.

Remember, your American Legion Life Insurance Plan always pays in addition to any other life insurance benefits; it is not intended in any way to replace any existing coverage you may have. It simply makes possible thousands of dollars of extra security at incredibly low cost.

For further information, write to The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, Rollins Burdick Hunter Co., 10 South Riverside Plaza, Chicago, Illinois 60606.



Public Relations Commission

William M. Detweiler (LA), Chairman
Hubert R. Dagley, II (IN), Director



William M. Detweiler

THE NATIONAL PUBLIC RELATIONS Commission coordinates all activities and programs designed to publicize the work of The American Legion. During this Legion year significant key goals were achieved by the Commission.

A highlight of the 1985-86 Legion year was the formation of a Communications Task Force — Veterans Benefits. Formed on the recommendation of the Legion's Veterans Planning and Coordinating Committee, the Task Force meets periodically to formulate plans for communicating The American Legion's stance on current challenges to the system of benefits for veterans.

A second, but equally important, objective of the Task Force is to educate a core of Legion communicators on the federal budget and legislative processes, and to bring those communicators current on the status of legislation affecting veterans in the present Congress, all in light of American Legion mandates and priorities.



In recognition of his accomplishments to help missing and exploited children, John Walsh (right), president of the Adam Walsh Child Resource Center, Ft. Lauderdale, FL, received the 1986 National Commander's Public Relations Award during the annual Washington Conference of The American Legion. Assisting National Commander Dale L. Renaud in the presentation was National Public Relations Chairman William M. Detweiler (center).

One implementation of this Task Force was an insertion of three pre-addressed post cards in the March 1986 *American Legion Magazine* that were mailable to Members of Congress, thus heightening awareness of the political reality of nearly 3 million veterans commonly concerned about veterans benefits.

The timing of the card was meant to coincide with the initial steps of the federal budget process for the coming fiscal year, so that Members of Congress would have a vivid image of the concerned constituency affected by Congressional decisions on the budget.

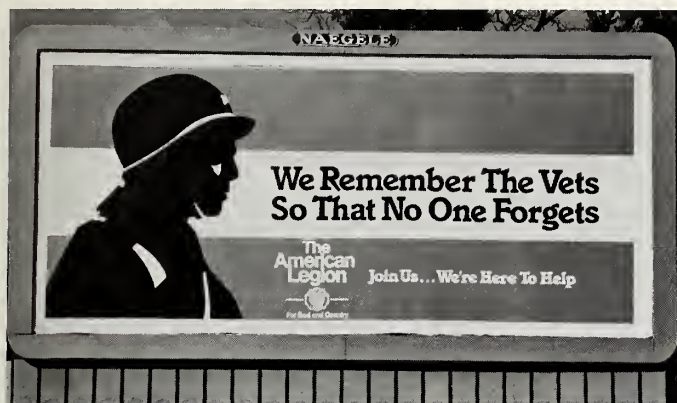
The Communications Task Force is comprised of national staff members from Public Relations, The American Legion Magazine, Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation and the National Legislative Division.

Additional projects originating from this Task Force include: updating the publication "The Aging Veteran" for distribution to local, state and federal officials, as well as members of The American Legion; production of 2 audiovisual slide presentations, one on training the Post Service officer, the other a presentation on "What To Do When A Veteran Dies"; the creation of a speakers' core group to address civic and professional groups in relation to veteran's concerns; and the establishment of communication with health organizations, aging-concerned organizations, insurance associations and professional health care providers to coordinate communication among their members as to the concerns of The American Legion.

During this past Legion year the 1986 National Billboard Program was initiated. Utilizing the theme "We Remember The Vets So That No One Forgets", the billboards were made available to Legionnaires nationwide. The billboard, accompanied by matching number stickers and miniature tabletop boards, have been well received. The billboards will be adapted for specific programs and events throughout the year — for example during the 1986 National Oratorical



Illustrating the theme "We Remember The Vet So No One Forgets", this year's entry in the Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade was viewed by some 300,000 spectators and millions of viewers through a nationwide television network. The float will also appear in this year's National Convention Parade, Sunday, Aug. 31.



This colorful billboard, emphasizing a founding principle and ongoing concern of The American Legion, is now available from national headquarters in Indianapolis. The billboard can be localized, if desired, to provide a local telephone number.

Contest finals and during the 1986 National Convention.

For the third year The American Legion entry into the "Indianapolis 500 Festival Parade" was coordinated by the public relations staff. The float reflects the theme "We Remember the Vets So No One Forgets", and includes individuals representing the various American Legion programs. For the first time the float will also be utilized in the Legion's National Convention Parade.

The 1986 National Commander's Public Relations Award was presented to John Walsh, president and founder of the Adam Walsh Child Resource Foundation. Walsh was selected for his continuing efforts to protect America's next generation of citizens and leaders. The Foundation was created to work for the interests of missing and exploited children.

A new audiovisual program was created based on The American Legion's foreign relations program. Other audiovisual productions included: a television ad supporting the Legion's Direct Membership Solicitation program; television and radio public service announcements for the Bicentennial Year of the Constitution in 1986 and for the finals of the 1986 National Oratorical Contest.

Also completed was a Public Relations Training tape, a three-part two hour presentation encompassing the teaching points made during the 1985 National Leadership Workshops. A production based on the 50th anniversary of the Legion's Boys State program was also completed.

Timely and effective speaker support for the National Commander and other Legion officers continue to be a major endeavor for the Public Relations staff. At the same time, suggested speeches for patriotic holidays and other special days, along with specially prepared holiday artwork and cooperative advertising slicks, continue to be made available to all members.

I extend a special word of thanks from the Public

Relations Commission to all national officers, members of the National Executive Committee and the many commissions, committees and their staff divisions for inviting our participation in their program activities. This excellent cooperation is a capstone to our Legion year.

Finance Commission

George W. Boucek (IL), Chairman
Webber LaGrange (IN), National Treasurer
Paul M. Allen (MN), Director

THE PRIMARY obligation of the Finance Commission is to prepare a yearly Budget for submission to the National Executive Committee and to exercise reasonable control to see that the various divisions and/or departments of the National Organization operate within the approved appropriations.



George W. Boucek

The Finance Commission is composed of seven members with the National Adjutant as ex-officio secretary, and the National Commander and National Treasurer are ex-officio members. Also attending these meetings are the Executive Directors of our Washington and Indianapolis offices, plus the Finance Director.

The National Organization had an operating surplus of \$1,268,134 for the year 1985. In 1985 we received \$5.50 dues per member, which is allocated as follows: \$2.75 to the General Fund; \$2.50 to The American Legion Magazine; \$.25 to Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

The income of the National Organization is derived from annual membership dues, interest on investments, Magazine advertisements, Emblem sales and contributions.

A full financial statement is incorporated in the Auditor's Report and in addition, your attention is directed to the reports of Committees and Trusts which are the responsibility of this Commission, and can be found elsewhere in this program.

American Legion Child Welfare Foundation, Inc.
American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation
American Legion Life Insurance and Trust Committee

Condensed Report on National Emblem Sales Division

Frank Johnston (IL), Chairman
Alfred L. Lankenau, Jr. (IN), General Manager

THE AMERICAN LEGION emblem is the exclusive property of the National Headquarters. The sale of the emblem, emblem pins, merchandise carrying the emblem and other items of organizational equipment is the responsibility of the National Headquarters in Indianapolis. The following tables show gross sales, net earnings, etc., for the entire calendar year 1985 and for the first three months of 1986.

January 1, to December 31, 1985
(12 months)

Gross Sales	\$5,018,952
Cost of Goods Sold	2,922,461
Overhead	1,396,873
Operating Profit	699,618

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1985 was 15,857.)

January 1, to March 31, 1986
(3 months)

Gross Sales	\$1,484,939
Cost of Goods Sold	870,229
Overhead	393,714
Operating Profit	220,996

(Number of orders processed for first 3 months of 1986 was 16,563.)



VA&R Chairman Bill Lenker presents a meritorious service award to Everett Alvarez, Jr., Deputy Administrator of the Veterans Administration.

Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation Commission

William F. Lenker (SD) Chairman
Robert E. Lyngh (CO) Director

NOT SINCE enactment of the Economy Act (Public Law 2, 73rd Congress) which effectively decimated veterans benefits in 1933, has The American Legion been faced with a tougher challenge than in confronting the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (Public Law 99-177) deficit reduction initiative. The Government reduction idea encompassed in the



William F. Lenker

Gramm-Rudman bill has previously reared its head in other forms such as the Grace Commission studies, OMB Circular A-76, etc. In their proposed formats also, veterans programs and entitlements have been endangered. However, as of March 1, 1986, the Gramm-Rudman bill has become a reality. The threat has now evolved into a full spectrum of program curtailments and reduced expenditures for VA medical care. As a result the Veterans Administration must reduce its spending approximately \$196 million. Although compensation and pension benefits were excluded from any cuts, practically all other VA activities are affected. The VA's Department of Medicine and Surgery budget will be reduced by 1 percent. There are reductions also in major construction, readjustment benefits, general operating expenses, burial benefits, medical and prosthetic research, loan guaranty, and life insurance.

During the past year the VA&R Commission, in conjunction with other Legion Commissions, has maintained a consistent effort to save programs on which the Legion has mandates. The VA&R Commission's objections to sequestrations impacting veteran programs have been expressed in letters and discussions with Congressional leaders, and in legislative hearings.

In other matters the President signed into law Public Law 99-272 which authorizes the establishment of a means test (July 1, 1986), and third party reimbursement (October 1, 1986), affecting the VA health care program. Among veterans organizations the Legion stood alone in opposing both initiatives. The means test will define eligibility criteria and income



Pictured from left to right are the newly elected officers of the Department Service Officers Association: Glenn Hunsinger (OR), Sergeant-at-Arms; John Cryan (IL) Vice President; A.V. "Bubba" Akin (GA), President; and Jim Hurlbert (NE), Secretary-Treasurer. Not pictured is Jose Villarreal (TX), Chaplain.

levels for certain nonservice-connected veterans seeking VA medical care. Third party reimbursement will enable the Veterans Administration to claim payment from insurance carriers, for the cost of treating nonservice-connected veterans. The Legion has opposed third party reimbursement because it essentially changes the nature of VA health care from a benefit program to a cost-sharing program along the lines of Medicare. This could encourage proposals to merge the VA health care system into Medicare. In regard to the means test the Legion maintains that it will place burdens on older, more seriously ill veterans, and will not reduce the level of demand for care by the oldest, sickest and poorest element of the veteran population.

While these battles are being fought in Washington, the Columbia University and American Legion Vietnam Veterans Study is still undergoing analysis. Data from the study will be presented to the Legion and the public throughout the remainder of 1986 and into 1987. The study is looking at issues such as Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, health effects of Agent Orange exposure, the socio-economic impact of military service on Vietnam veterans and other factors. Results of the study will enable The American Legion to enhance its services for Vietnam veterans, and to define their legitimate needs to the Government. The final reports will be made available to the VA and to the Veterans Affairs Committees of Congress.

Finally, the day to day functioning of the VA&R Commission staff should not be overlooked. From May, 1985 to April, 1986, the Board of Veterans Appeals staff presented 8,198 cases, of which 211 were scheduled personal hearings. The Discharge Review section provided representation in 1,031 cases. Correspondence received by the claims and the

insurance section totaled 5,980 items. A total of 18,377 claims were reviewed and presented, and more than 5,540 personal contacts were made.

From July 1, 1985, to June 30, 1986, the Field Service conducted surveys at 58 Veterans Administration Medical Centers, 9 outpatient clinics and 9 state veterans homes for a total of 76 visitations. As a result of these inspections 271 specific recommendations were submitted to the VA.

Finally, the Commission will continue to fulfill the responsibility of its assigned tasks with the understanding and support of all members of The American Legion in giving meaning to the final words in the Preamble to the Constitution of The American Legion: to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness.

Economic Commission

Bruce Thiesen (CA), Chairman
Dennis K. Rhoades (CA), Director

THE MISSION of the National Economic Commission, and its two standing committees on Employment and Veterans' Preference is to ensure that America's veterans have the opportunity to provide the economic necessities of life for themselves and their families. To accomplish this goal, the Commission works in cooperation with



Bruce Thiesen

the Legislative Division to secure legislation that will be economically beneficial to veterans in such areas as employment and training programs, small business and housing. The Commission is also responsible for continuous monitoring of existing veterans Economic programs within the various federal agencies to ensure the delivery of timely, high quality services.

In addition to its work with federal agencies and other organizations, the National Economic Commission works with departments and posts to promote full veterans' employment through support to Department and post employment chairmen, as well as The American Legion's "Jobs for Veterans" and employer awards programs.

Within the Department of Labor is the office of the Assistant Secretary for Veterans' Employment and Training (ASVET), which is responsible for developing, administering and evaluating employment and



National Commander Dale Renaud and William E. Brock. Secretary of Labor, after Secretary Brock addressed the Legislative Rally at the 1986 Washington Conference on veterans employment and training programs.

training programs for veterans. Because of recent budget reduction initiatives, the ASVET's budget, which did not contain much "fat," was cut. Fortunately, these funds were taken from staff travel rather than from staffing. As a result, programs were not adversely affected.

The Gramm-Rudman-Hollings (GRH) Deficit Reduction Act also reduced FY '86 funds for the State Employment Security agencies and their Local Veterans' Employment Representatives (LVERs) and Disabled Veterans Outreach Program (DVOP) personnel. At the present time, the proposed FY '87 funding for DVOPs appears to be adequate. Staffing and funding for LVERs, however, will be trimmed by 25 percent. The American Legion is working on a supplemental legislative initiative to restore the funding and staffing authorization for LVERs.

While other budget reductions for the Employment Service are serious, it appears that there will be a sufficient amount of money to keep it viable. The National Economic Commission will continue to watch the Employment Service closely because many in the Administration believe the system should be defederalized, or its functions assumed by private employment agencies.

The National Economic Commission worked closely with the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee to obtain an extension of the Veterans' Job Training Act (VJTA). In December of 1985, the President signed a one year reauthorization at a cost of \$65 million.

Since funding has been a problem through the life of VJTA, it is hoped that those additional funds may be provided in the FY '86 supplemental appropriation, despite Administration opposition.

The American Legion has worked intensively to increase the participation of veterans in Job Training Partnership Act (JTPA), which is the nation's current

major employment program in operation. In 1982 veterans were nearly excluded from JTPA. One of the Legion's major efforts has been to develop identification of veterans as a client group in local communities. Such identification would allow for a focus on veterans as a part of their individual community employment and training plans.

Under the GRH rescission, the JTPA's Title IV-C, was slated to lose half-a-million dollars and the Administration proposed a further reduction of \$600,000. Because of its close work with the House Appropriation Committee, The American Legion was able to stop the rescission and restore the program's funding. In FY '87 a 20 percent increase is expected in JTPA funding.

Another area of the Commission's program is veterans preference in federal employment. Veterans currently make up approximately 39.1 percent of the federal workforce. This figure is lower than it was during the 60's and 70's because many World War II veterans are entering retirement.

According to a report that was recently published by the Office of Personnel Management (OPM), during FY '84, 20 percent of all federal hires (over 80,000) were veterans. Of that 20 percent, 17 percent were Vietnam era veterans. It also stated that 21 percent were disabled and 6 percent had a disability rating of 30 percent or more.

The Veterans' Readjustment Appointment (VRA) program is a noncompetitive federal hiring authority for disabled, and certain other Vietnam era veterans, which leads to competitive status after completion of two years of federal service. Since 1970, over 250,000 VRA appointments have been made. The program has a high retention rate, with over 80 percent of the veterans continuing in career jobs.

During 1986, The American Legion has lobbied Congress for modification of the VRA program which would raise the maximum entry level; eliminate the educational restriction for nondisabled Vietnam era veterans; and extend the program through December 31, 1991.

Another hiring authority which allows federal agencies to hire veterans non-competitively for any position and grade level is the 30 percent or more disabled program. This special authority allows for conversion to career or career-conditional status.

An important part of economic stability for many veterans is ownership of their own business, and the Small Business Administration (SBA) is mandated by law to provide veterans with "special consideration".

During 1985, the Administration announced its desire to get government out of all loan programs — part of its strategy included the elimination of the SBA. When the Administration's legislative initiatives to accomplish this failed, the President was forced last year to sign a three year reauthorization for the agency.

Despite this reauthorization, on April 2, 1986, the Administration sent another proposal to Congress

calling for elimination of the SBA's loan program and transfer of its remaining functions to the Department of Commerce.

The American Legion went on record as opposing this proposal, pointing out that small business assistance, including loan guarantees and counseling, has been a traditional veterans' benefit, dating back to the Servicemen's Readjustment Act of 1944, better known as the GI Bill. Resolution No. 17, approved the May 1986 National Executive Committee meeting, mandates continuation of this vital benefit.

Each year the Veterans Administration (VA) estimates, and Congress authorizes, the amount of credit in home loan guarantees the VA will extend for the coming budget year. The initial VA estimate is normally made eight or nine months in advance of the fiscal year. In January 1985, with interest rates hovering at 12-13 percent, the VA estimated it would need \$12.1 billion for the 182,000 loans its expected to guarantee in FY '86.

When interest rates started to drop in the Fall of 1985, the VA's loan activity increased sharply. To make matters worse, the GRH Deficit Reduction Act further reduced funds available for loans by 4.3 percent. This lowered the VA's credit authority to \$11.5 billion, or \$5.3 billion less than was actually needed.

In February of 1986, the VA found itself facing a crisis due to the gross underestimation of loan activity and the funding cuts. As a result, the VA announced that it would be forced to curtail loan activity by imposing the following limitations: reduce the loan guarantee from \$133,250 to \$90,000; eliminate the right to get a new loan after an earlier one was paid off; and refuse to allow refinancing at the new lower interest rates.

Responding to protests from The American Legion and others, Congress quickly moved to pass legislation to allow the program to continue. On March 7th, the President signed a bill raising the ceiling on the amount of home loans that the VA could guarantee during FY '86 from \$11.5 billion to \$18.2 billion, which was later reduced to \$17.4 billion by GRH.

In other action, the Administration proposed raising the user's fee on all VA guaranteed loans from 1 to 3.8 percent as a means of offsetting the cost of operating the program. The American Legion has long opposed the imposition of any user fee in the home loan guaranty program, believing that it constitutes a hidden tax levied on the usage of a veterans benefit.

The National Economic Commission's awards program for employers of veterans, the handicapped, and older workers continues to be an important tool for making the public aware of the very special employment needs of these groups. Citations of Appreciation are also available to those departments that want to recognize individuals who have promoted the goals and programs of the National Economic Commission.

As always, the Commission responds to letters from veterans, federal agencies, and others on the work of the Commission. It also responds to requests for

information on various economic matters; prepares articles, speeches and testimony; and serves on various committees not otherwise mentioned here, such as the President's Committee for Employment of the Handicapped and in all ways promotes the economic well-being of veterans and their families.

The American Legion Magazine Commission

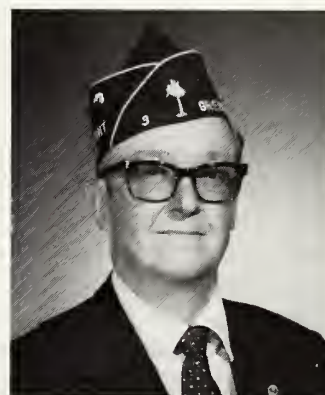
Milford A. Forrester (SC) Chairman
Daniel S. Wheeler (IN), Publisher/
Editor-in-Chief

THE AMERICAN LEGION Magazine is marching on a fast track toward its most successful year ever as the organization's national showcase and window to the world.

Printing, advertising and staffing additions and changes are helping the magazine to achieve its goals of publishing a magazine that raises the level of consciousness of

American veterans about the aims and concerns of The American Legion; enhances the Legion's image as a key player in America's policy-making arena; and, through interviews with key public policy spokesmen, positions The American Legion as an organization of such importance that America's leaders speak to America through The American Legion Magazine.

The addition of an associate editor fresh from daily newspaper and wire service experience rounded out the editorial staff and contributed directly to more timely coverage of a diverse range of editorial objectives, including a comprehensive series of articles on actual and proposed cuts in veterans benefits under the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings balanced-budget law. From December 1985 to August 1986, The American Legion Magazine published information that exposed the potential consequences of proposed budget and service cuts in a variety of veterans areas. This series included interviews with veterans' advocates, an examination of the VA's contributions and budget allocations to veterans' needs, excerpts from the National Commander's statement published in the Congressional Record, a nationwide postcard mail-in campaign to all 535 congressmen on Capitol Hill, the growing number and facts about the plight of our nation's aging veterans, and an exclusive interview



Milford A. Forrester

with the President of the United States.

To further improve our editorial content and to make course corrections, we surveyed 500 readers — including all department commanders and adjutants — for their comments in six areas: how frequently they read regular monthly features; how much coverage of the regular features they preferred; how interested they were in a broad range of topics; how they compared our magazine with similar magazines; what their backgrounds were; and how they would improve The American Legion Magazine.

Through a better-than-average 24 percent response rate, our readers told us that Dateline Washington, Big Issues, Veterans Update and Veterans Adviser were their favorites, along with articles on national defense, war history, public policy issues and American Legion concerns. Nearly all readers said they believe The American Legion Magazine is not only the finest of its kind serving America's veterans, but also ranks high among most national general-interest magazines.

While sustaining strong editorial content is essential, also important is maintaining a strong graphic presence. The visual impact of the magazine has never been higher. The American Legion Magazine incorporates dynamic visual elements in such a manner as to invite readers to pick up every issue. The addition of more color articles displayed in bold, contemporary design significantly strengthened the overall appeal of the magazine.

In a move that should further improve its quality, The American Legion Magazine moved its printing operations to R.R. Donnelley & Sons, Danville, KY. Operating with the newest technology, Donnelley began printing our magazine with the August issue.

While direct-mail solicitation of advertisers continues to attract new advertising revenue, several long-sought breakthroughs in general advertising occurred in early 1986, the most important of which were multiple orders of full-page, four-color advertisements from a major defense contractor and a major distiller, as well as orders from several additional major agencies.

Establishing a competitive base with which to attract additional major advertisers required that current demographics and product preferences of Legion members be made available to major advertisers and their agencies. We contracted with the Simmons Market Research Bureau, Inc., to gather this data, which is now being projected "on-line" via computer to major advertisers and agencies nationwide. This expanse of information made available to the nation's largest advertisers is expected to considerably enhance our ability to secure major advertising accounts and generate a concomitant increase in advertising revenues.

Authorization was also granted to hire an in-house advertising manager, which will further strengthen the magazine's advertising department and provide the wherewithal for the development of a coordinated,

concentrated and effective advertising program. Also, effective July 1, Fox Associates, Inc., with offices in Chicago, Detroit, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Atlanta and New York, became the Magazine's sole advertising representative, and they have worked closely with the Magazine Commission and staff to devise advertising strategies and programs.

We are pleased with The American Legion Magazine graphically, editorially, and with the infusion of full-page, four-color advertisements. We believe we are producing a product superior to that of even a few years ago and we are striving to stay in step with the desires of our Legionnaires and to continue to improve.

Foreign Relations Commission

Melvin (Doc) Simon (VT), Chairman
G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director

DURING 1985-86, the Foreign Relations Commission emphasized building support for the emerging democracies in Central America, encouraging support for a sound nuclear arms control policy, and expanding public awareness of the POW/MIA issue.



National Commander Dale Renaud urged implementation of The American Legion's foreign relations program during his meetings with President Reagan and various State Department officials. Other methods of program implementation included meetings with key congressmen and senators and articles published in *The American Legion Magazine* on such topics as the POW/MIA issue, Central America, and the Caribbean Basin Initiative.

Following his visit to Central America, National Commander Renaud established the Central America Support Program to implement Legion resolutions favoring democracy in Central America. The program played a significant role in seeking Congressional approval of military aid for the Nicaraguan freedom fighters.

Over 90 Legionnaires around the nation participated in the Advocacy Program. They gave speeches and wrote articles urging public and legislative support for a strong U.S. policy to promote democracy, development, and security in Central America.

Washington Conference

General P.X. Kelley, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, explained the missions, organization, and operations of the U.S. Marine Corps. General Kelley stressed the high degree of professionalism and combat readiness of the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. Mark Palmer, Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for European and Canadian Affairs, analyzed the state of U.S.-Soviet relations, especially as they have been influenced by the Geneva Summit of last November. Mr. Palmer described the complex interrelationships among the four main areas of U.S.-Soviet negotiations: arms control, regional issues, human rights, and bilateral issues. Dr. Chester Crocker, Assistant Secretary of State for African Affairs, discussed the prospects for achieving U.S. objectives in Southern Africa including exclusion of Soviet influence, independence for Namibia, and an end to the Cuban presence in Angola. Mr. David Long, International Relations Officer, Office for Combatting Terrorism and Emergency Planning, Department of State, discussed international terrorism in great detail. Mr. Charles Kapar, Member of State Department Post 68, described his personal experiences while held captive on a hijacked Kuwaiti aircraft in Tehran, Iran. Mr. Kapar, who was in the Middle East on an audit mission for the U.S. Agency for International Development, explained the hijacking, execution of two Americans, his period of captivity, and eventual rescue. Colonel Larry Tracy, Office of Public Diplomacy for Latin America and the Caribbean, Department of State, presented a detailed briefing on Nicaragua and development of Soviet bloc ties.

POW/MIA

Commodore Thomas A. Brooks, USN, Director of Collection Management, Defense Intelligence Agency, explained U.S. Government efforts to resolve the POW/MIA issue to the 67th National Convention. The



Commodore Thomas A. Brooks, USN, meets Legion volunteers at National Convention POW/MIA Information Booth: (from left) Vinton Guy, CO; Jack Curran, MA; Tom Kaiser, NY.



Guests at the annual Post No. 68, Department of District of Columbia, foreign relations reception during the Washington Conference were greeted by 1st Vice Commander and Mrs. Earl V. Allen, Assistant Secretary of State Robert E. Lamb, and Commander and Mrs. Russell Cohn.

February issue of *The American Legion Magazine* contained an authoritative update on the POW/MIA by Mr. Richard T. Childress, Director of Political Military Office, National Security Council staff, who had recently visited Hanoi.

The Special POW/MIA Committee met during the Washington Conference. It reviewed accomplishments in 1985 and adopted a 1986 public awareness program, including a "Write Hanoi" campaign, participation in events commemorating National POW/MIA Recognition Day, and conduct of various commemorative ceremonies throughout the year.

The Foreign Relations Commission and the American Legion Auxiliary conducted a joint POW/MIA Update and Commemorative Candlelight Ceremony on the final day of the Washington Conference. Mr. Richard Childress, National Security Council staff, and Mrs. Ann Mills Griffiths, Executive Director, National League of Families, described their recent mission to Hanoi. They stated that the Vietnamese appear to be serious about implementing their pledge to resolve the POW/MIA issue satisfactorily within two years. The ceremony was a very moving and inspirational event which inspired the audience to redouble their efforts on the POW/MIA issue. Lieutenant Colonel Howard Hill, Principal Adviser to the Secretary of Defense for POW/MIA Affairs, described his experiences as a POW.

Foreign Relations Briefing

The Foreign Relations Commission and Public Relations Commission jointly prepare an annual briefing on the foreign relations program of The American Legion and the Auxiliary. The briefing lasts 25 minutes and is supported by eighty 35 mm slides. VCR tapes of the briefing are available for loan from the Public Relations Division or purchase from National Emblem sales.

National Legislative Commission

Gary W. Sammons (MI), Chairman
E. Philip Riggin (MD), Director



Gary W. Sammons

THE PRIMARY mission of the National Legislative Commission is to promote the legislative mandates of The American Legion before the Congress of the United States. The legislative program is dictated by resolutions adopted at either a National Convention or meetings of the National Executive Committee.

The Legislative Commission does not set policy for The American Legion. The Commission, through its Washington, DC legislative staff, concentrates its efforts on carrying out Legion objectives. The National Legislative News Bulletin and other Legion publications help to keep the members of The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary abreast of Congressional activity affecting veterans and their families.

As a result of National Convention and National Executive Committee action, there are more than 260 active resolutions which establish the organization's positions on issues before Congress. These issues range from immigration reform to military weaponry. In order to properly communicate Legion opinion on all these matters, it is expected that the Commission staff will present testimony on 50-60 occasions during the Second Session of the 99th Congress.

During the First Session of the 99th Congress, debate on the federal budget dominated the legislative agendas of both the House and Senate. Passage of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings budget law caused much consternation among many groups, but especially veterans. Possible automatic cuts to all federal programs could endanger many programs which directly benefit veterans. Fortunately, veterans disability compensation payments were specifically exempted by Congress from such automatic cuts. In addition, veterans health care programs were protected from budget reductions of greater than 2 percent by Gramm-Rudman-Hollings.

In the area of veterans employment, reauthorization of the Veterans Jobs Training Act program was welcomed by the Legion as an important step in continuing to combat the persistently high rates of joblessness among veterans. Other measures would

leave in place the Small Business Administration's program of direct loans to veterans and would fund the various programs which benefit veteran employment and training administered by the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Veterans Employment and Training.

During the First Session, Congress at first defeated and then approved \$27 million in non-lethal aid to the anti-Sandinista freedom fighters attempting to overthrow the current Nicaraguan regime. Further proposals to fund the freedom fighters will be debated during the Second Session of the 99th Congress. Another area of major interest to the Legion was the congressional approval of funding for further development of the MX "Peacekeeper" missile. However, these and similar initiatives pertaining to defense and foreign policy will be topics of serious debate in 1986 as Congress pursues its search for federal budget savings.

While the National Legislative Commission expects to be successful in 1986 in its promotion of several major legislative initiatives, Congress will be reluctant to approve any additional domestic or defense spending because of fears that the constantly growing federal debt may choke off the nation's economic recovery. As Congress continues its campaign to reduce federal expenditures, one of the Commission's major goals for the Second Session will be to prevent further erosion of funding to veterans programs, especially health care.

The National Legislative Commission continues to remind Congress that the interests of our membership constitute a reliable cross-section of public opinion on most national issues. Congress is further reminded that our members are "grassroots America" people who freely volunteer their time for projects which benefit the public. The Commission, therefore, encourages all Legionnaires to augment that message by keeping Congressional members informed of what the organization is doing back home and recommending that information on Legion activities be shared with all other members of Congress.



National Security Commission Chairman Roger A. Munson, OH, and Marine Corps Commandant General P.X. Kelley answer Legionnaires' questions during the 1986 Washington conference.

National Security Commission

Roger A. Munson (OH), Chairman
G. Michael Schlee (MD), Director



Roger A. Munson

THIS YEAR is one of critical importance to the future direction of national security policy for the United States. The future organization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the position of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs, the question of SALT II compliance, the impact of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings legislation on

funding levels for the Department of Defense, and the future shape of military retirement and thus the future of recruiting and personnel policies will likely be decided this year.

The American Legion is also aware of the impact of fewer federal dollars in other areas. As an organization with a multiplicity of interests, it has become very clear to us that a spirit of bipartisanship is absolutely necessary to the future of all of the programs which we deem important to our national interests.

Over the last five years, a rather substantial redirection of the armed forces has been accomplished. The United States Army, including the Army reserves and the National Guard, are receiving modern battlefield equipment such as the M-1 tank and the Bradley fighting vehicle. The Navy already has six-hundred ships either under construction, or under contract and funded. The Air Force is beginning to deploy the new B-1 bomber, new squadrons of cruise-missile armed B-52 bombers, and the new M-X missile will be available soon. Because of these and many other improvements, the world is a safer place, and the arms control process has been enhanced. Meaningful arms control is a desirable goal for the United States to pursue. However, substantive discussions with the Soviet Union on arms control have always been the result of a demonstration of US resolve, not the result of unilateral restraint. The defense build-up of the last five years has shown that resolve.

The annual exercise of debating the defense budget is really a debate of national will, a debate of how far we are willing to go in terms of the allocation of taxpayers dollars to ensure the continuation of our way of life on this continent, and how best to encourage the spread of democracy elsewhere in the world.

The American Legion realizes that this country is

facing some rather striking economic challenges. The industrial base of the U.S. is confronting more efficient foreign competition with substantially lower labor costs, and is frequently not competitive in either foreign or domestic markets. Continuing high rates of unemployment in some basic industries have given life and sustenance to a strong protectionist sentiment. Many say there is a need to retrench, to spend less on defense and more on social programs and to ensure that U.S. industry is protected from foreign competition.

Commission Activities

On Thursday, August 22, 1985, 140 members of the National Security Commission boarded buses at Pensacola, Florida for a two day tour of Armed Forces facilities along the Gulf Coast. The tour began with a briefing on naval flight training conducted at Pensacola Naval Air Station, and the Naval Aviation School, its mission and its accomplishments. Following the briefing, members of the Commission toured the Naval Aircraft rebuild facility, the Navy Survival School, and the flight line of the Squadron, which supports the flight training. The members of the Commission also were briefed and toured the USS Lexington, the carrier which provides training in carrier landings. The Commission hosted a luncheon for senior officers and enlisted men stationed at Pensacola at the Officer's Club. Chairman Munson presented a plaque expressing appreciation to the Senior Officer. A tour of the US Navy Aviation Museum was accomplished in the afternoon.

On Friday, morning, August 23rd, the Commission received a mission briefing on the mission of Keesler AFB, a briefing on the Air Force Squadron, which conducts research on hurricanes by flying into them, and a tour of the air traffic controller simulation, where Air Force air traffic controllers receive training. Shortly after noon, the Commission traveled to American Legion post 119 in Gulfport, Mississippi where the Post sponsored a seafood lunch. The Commission returned to New Orleans in the late afternoon.

On Saturday morning, August 24th, the National Security Commission met in joint session with the Foreign Relations Commission to hear a variety of presentations on subjects of interest to both Commissions. The first speaker was Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, and Installations, the Honorable Tidal W. McCoy. The title of his presentation was "Personnel Issues and the Reorganization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff." Following Mr. McCoy's presentation, John F. Maisto, the Director of the Office of Philippine Affairs for the Department of State spoke on the "Crisis in the Philippines." Mr. Maisto's presentation was followed by a speech entitled "An Assistant of NATO" given by Mr. Ronald S. Lauder, Deputy Assistant Secretary of Defense for European and NATO policy. The last speaker of the morning was General Cheng Wei-Yuan,

Chairman of the Veterans Assistance Commission for Retired Servicemen (VACRS), Republic of China on Taiwan. General Cheng brought greetings from free Chinese veterans.

After lunch, the National Security Commission met in separate session to hear LTG Robert M. Elton, Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army. His topic was "The Army Today."

During the Washington Conference, members of the National Security and Foreign Relations Commissions met jointly to hear from prominent individuals on matters of interest to the Commissions.

General P.X. Kelley, Commandant, U.S. Marine Corps, explained the missions, organization, and operations of the U.S. Marine Corps. He stressed the high degree of professionalism and combat readiness of the U.S. Marine Corps. He also detailed his opposition to proposals for reorganization of the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

Mr. Mark Palmer, Deputy Ass't. Sec. of State for European and Canadian Affairs, analyzed the state of U.S.-Soviet relations, especially as they have been influenced by the Geneva Summit of last November.

Dr. Chester Crocker, Ass't. Sec. of State for African Affairs, discussed the prospects for achieving U.S. objectives in Southern Africa including exclusion of Soviet influence, an end to apartheid, maintenance of U.S. regional influence, independence for Namibia, and an end to the Cuban presence in Angola.

A panel of senior enlisted men from the Armed Forces briefed members of the National Security Commission on the status of people programs in the Armed Forces. All stressed that while progress was being made in meeting recruiting and retention goals for the time being, the horizon was cloudy due to the erosion of pay and benefits, especially retirement.

Dr. Robert Yates, Director of the Guidance and Control Directorate of the Research, Development, and Engineering Center of the U.S. Army Missile Command briefed the Commission on a new battlefield missile system developed by the Missile Command. The system is guided by a fiber-optic thread that pays off the rear of the missile and allows an operator to "fly" the missile into the target through a small TV camera mounted in its nose.

Colonel George W. Hess, Director of Survivability, Lethality, and Key Technologies Office, Strategic Defense Initiative Officer then briefed the Commission on the status of the program. Colonel Hess stressed that the program is still one of research, and that no thought had been given to production or deployment of any system. He also pointed out that research was permitted under the 1972 ABM Treaty with the Soviet Union.

Blood Donor Activities

The American Legion and the American Legion Auxiliary continue to be principal sources of supply for blood. Through our vast network of Posts and Units

organized into Department programs, Legionnaires and Auxiliary members through a variety of programs continue to supply the blood needs, of their own members, hospitalized veterans and through cooperative agreements to patients in civilian hospitals. In this past year, the program has continued to grow.

National Commander Awards

To stimulate activities on the part of Departments and Posts, annual awards are made by the National Commander. In the period from June 1, 1984 through May 31, 1985, 29 Departments of The American Legion actively participated in the Blood Donor program. This year, the criteria for the National Commander's Awards for Post and individual participation was based on Resolution 14, adopted at the Spring meeting, May 8-9, 1985 of the National Executive Committee. The resolution provides that departments be placed in one of five groups based on the size of the department, using criteria established by the Membership and Post Activities Committee.

Each participating Department has received a certificate of recognition signed by National Commander Clarence Bacon and National Adjutant Robert W. Spanogle.

Holiday Blood Drive

For the past several Christmas seasons, demands for blood were exceptionally high while supplies were so critical that only emergency operations could be performed. Numerous Departments and Posts have actively publicized the "Holiday Blood Drive" noting that this was an opportunity to establish closer ties with the community.

ROTC Medals

Departments having ROTC units supported ROTC programs by either awarding or encouraging Posts under their jurisdiction to award and participate in The American Legion's ROTC Medal program. Response to this program has been outstanding. During the period from July 1, 1984 to June 30, 1985, 1,702 medals have been awarded to deserving ROTC and Junior ROTC candidates. Presentations of medals were made to ROTC units in 45 states and the District of Columbia.

Paul H. Griffith ROTC Trophy

In October of 1975, the National Executive Committee approved Resolution 21 which established the Paul H. Griffith Trophy to be awarded to the Departments giving the greatest degree of support to the ROTC program. The trophy honors the memory of Past National Commander Paul H. Griffith who served as an Assistant Secretary of Defense.



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Mr. Dale L. Renaud, National Commander
The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

We have examined the balance sheet of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1985 and 1984 and the related statement of revenue, expenses and changes in fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1985. Our examinations were made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards and, accordingly, included such tests of the accounting records and such other auditing procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances.

In our opinion, the aforementioned financial statements present fairly the financial position of The American Legion National Headquarters at December 31, 1985 and 1984 and the results of its operations and changes in its fund balances for the year ended December 31, 1985, in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles applied on a consistent basis.

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Indianapolis, Indiana
March 27, 1986

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Balance

		December 31	
		1985	1984
ASSETS			
CURRENT FUND:			
Cash		\$ 1,216,781	\$ 2,356,183
Accounts receivable:			
Emblem Division		74,253	75,884
Publications Division		348,864	284,477
Other		84,944	164,994
Accrued interest on investments		415,436	439,296
Inventories:			
Emblem Division		722,407	777,741
Publications Division		864,179	1,167,482
Prepaid expenses and supplies		213,028	182,908
Deferred direct membership solicitation expense		2,273,310	—
Deferred revenue enhancement expense		161,048	—
Postal deposits and other advances		55,413	31,102
		<u>6,429,663</u>	<u>5,480,067</u>
Investments—note 2:			
Segregated for Designated Funds		9,057,578	8,110,385
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building		518,179	503,007
Other		18,099,472	16,887,061
		<u>27,675,229</u>	<u>25,500,453</u>
Property and equipment:			
Washington, D.C. real estate:			
Land		80,000	80,000
Building		1,204,432	815,183
Furniture, fixtures, and equipment in:			
National Headquarters building, Indianapolis, Indiana .		1,493,108	1,349,304
Washington, D.C. building		316,308	309,715
Capitalized leases—note 3		535,497	499,362
		<u>3,629,345</u>	<u>3,053,564</u>
		<u>2,112,530</u>	<u>1,934,310</u>
Deduct: Accumulated depreciation and amortization		<u>1,516,815</u>	<u>1,119,254</u>
		<u>35,621,707</u>	<u>32,099,774</u>
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6:			
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:			
Cash		11,323	40,713
Accrued interest on investments		8,579	7,360
Investments		584,230	509,462
		<u>604,132</u>	<u>557,535</u>
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:			
Cash		550	82,750
Accrued interest on investments		78,084	52,875
Investments		5,343,645	4,644,540
		<u>5,422,279</u>	<u>4,780,165</u>
		<u>\$41,648,118</u>	<u>\$37,437,474</u>

See notes to financial statements.

NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

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Exhibit A

	December 31	
	1985	1984
LIABILITIES AND FUNDS		
CURRENT FUND:		
Liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,044,170	\$ 999,798
Capitalized lease obligations—note 3	124,030	180,654
Deposits on Emblem merchandise sales	189,391	152,646
Funds in transit to The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust	576,309	945,973
Deferred dues income	11,886,300	11,087,160
Deferred income—direct membership solicitation	983,134	—
Deferred revenue enhancement income	95,443	—
Accrued vacation benefits	316,240	299,228
Provision for health insurance liability	45,000	45,000
Other liabilities	84,952	37,970
Total liabilities	<u>15,344,969</u>	<u>13,748,429</u>
Fund balances—notes 4 and 5:		
Restricted funds:		
Oratorical Contest Fund	157,733	150,291
Other restricted funds	37,304	40,061
Designated funds:		
The Restricted Fund	6,889,312	5,954,266
The Reserve Fund	<u>2,168,266</u>	<u>2,156,119</u>
	9,252,615	8,300,737
Appropriated funds	1,541,977	1,397,477
Unappropriated	<u>9,482,146</u>	<u>8,653,131</u>
Total fund balance	<u>20,276,738</u>	<u>18,351,345</u>
	<u>35,621,707</u>	<u>32,099,774</u>
NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS—note 6:		
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Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Fund Balances Current Year

	Year Ended	
	1988	
	Unappropriated	Appropriated Funds
REVENUE:		
National dues	\$14,532,021	
Sales of Emblem items	5,018,952	
Advertising revenue	3,240,602	
Investment income	2,171,211	
Direct membership solicitation	973,772	
American Legion Endowment Fund		
Corporation income received—note 7	615,096	
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion		
Life Insurance Trust—note 8	722,954	
Other restricted income	257,168	
Other income	616,649	
	<u>28,148,425</u>	
EXPENSES:		
Salaries	5,785,712	
Employee benefits—note 9	1,244,106	
Cost of sales	3,370,654	
Direct publication expenses	7,644,248	
Executive and staff travel	656,243	
Commission and committee	1,114,525	
Operational	2,773,606	
Office	2,342,962	
Occupancy	825,439	
Special projects and programs	1,122,796	
	<u>26,880,291</u>	
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	1,268,134	
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	8,653,131	\$1,397,477
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—notes 4 and 5	(439,119)	163,294
Adjustment to appropriated fund balance—		
note 5		<u>(18,794)</u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$ 9,482,146</u>	<u>\$1,541,977</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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and Changes in Fund Balances Fund

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December 31

		1984
Designated and Restricted Funds	Total Current Fund	Total Current Fund
	\$14,532,021	\$13,953,081
	5,018,952	4,676,588
	3,240,602	2,810,010
\$ 671,368	2,842,579	2,683,163
	973,772	529,024
	615,096	580,612
109,000	831,954	1,183,637
24,387	281,555	246,389
	616,649	519,723
<u>804,755</u>	<u>28,953,180</u>	<u>27,182,227</u>
	5,785,712	5,564,895
	1,244,106	1,245,329
	3,370,654	2,786,561
	7,644,248	6,787,613
	656,243	609,588
	1,114,525	1,224,782
	2,773,606	1,753,206
	2,342,962	956,817
	825,439	752,032
<u>128,702</u>	<u>1,251,498</u>	<u>2,270,966</u>
<u>128,702</u>	<u>27,008,993</u>	<u>23,951,789</u>
676,053	1,944,187	3,230,438
8,300,737	18,351,345	15,161,508
275,825	—	—
	(18,794)	(40,601)
<u>\$9,252,615</u>	<u>\$20,276,738</u>	<u>\$18,351,345</u>

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Statement of Revenue, Expenses, Designated and Reserve Funds Year Ended December 31, 1966

	Designated Funds	
	The Restricted Fund	The Reserve Fund
REVENUE:		
Investment income.....	\$ 659,221	\$ 12,177
Amounts withdrawn from The American Legion Life Insurance Trust—note 8		
Restricted contributions.....	<u>659,221</u>	<u>12,177</u>
EXPENSE:		
Special projects and programs	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
EXCESS (DEFICIENCY) OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	659,221	12,177
FUND BALANCES, BEGINNING OF YEAR	5,954,266	2,156,399
INTERFUND TRANSFERS—note 4	<u>275,825</u>	<u> </u>
FUND BALANCES, END OF YEAR	<u>\$6,889,312</u>	<u>\$2,168,576</u>

See notes to financial statements.

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Changes in Fund Balances Restricted Funds December 31, 1985

Restricted Funds		
Oratorical Contest Fund	Other Restricted Funds	Total Designated And Restricted Funds
		\$ 671,368
\$109,000		109,000
	<u>\$24,387</u>	<u>24,387</u>
<u>109,000</u>	<u>24,387</u>	<u>804,755</u>
<u>101,558</u>	<u>27,144</u>	<u>128,702</u>
7,442	(2,757)	676,053
150,291	40,061	8,300,737
<u> </u>	<u> </u>	<u>275,825</u>
<u>\$157,733</u>	<u>\$37,304</u>	<u>\$9,252,615</u>

(Exhibit B
Sheet 1)

THE AMERICAN LEGION

Notes to Financial Statements

NOTE 1—SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES:

General: The American Legion National Headquarters (the Legion) is a national veterans organization which was declared to be a corporate body by an Act of the United States Congress on September 16, 1919. The Legion acquired all of the assets and assumed all of the liabilities of the predecessor unincorporated national organization of the same name.

Basis of Presentation: The Legion generally reports for financial statement purposes on the accrual method of accounting, recognizing income when earned and expenses when incurred.

The Legion maintains its accounts on a fund accounting basis wherein the accountability for certain segments of its operations are presented in specific designated and restricted fund balances. Further, the Legion has designated certain amounts for future projects or purposes, which amounts are presented as appropriated funds in the accompanying financial statements.

The revenue and expenses of nonexpendable funds are not included in the Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund. Instead, they are recorded directly to the nonexpendable funds involved as set forth in the footnotes to the financial statements.

The amounts shown for 1984 in the accompanying Statement of Revenue, Expenses and Changes in Fund Balances—Current Fund are included only to provide a basis for comparison with 1985 amounts.

Accounts Receivable: The direct charge-off method is used to account for losses in collection of accounts receivable. An allowance for uncollectible accounts receivable is considered unnecessary by the Legion because all significant accounts expected to be uncollectible have been written off.

Inventories: Inventories, which consist of Emblem items held for sale and magazine paper and publication rights, are valued at the lower of cost or market. Supplies which are not intended for sale are expensed when purchased.

Investments: Investments are recorded at cost. Premiums or discounts on investments are generally recognized at the time of disposal or maturity.

Property and Equipment: Furniture, fixtures and equipment are carried at cost and are depreciated beginning in the year after acquisition on the straight-line method based on the estimated useful lives of the assets involved. Leasehold improvements and repairs are expensed when incurred.

Depreciation on the Washington, D. C. building, which was constructed in 1951, is computed on the straight-line method using a fifty-year life. Beginning in 1969, investments approximately equal to the accumulated depreciation on the building have been segregated. Income on these investments is unrestricted.

Income: Dues are recognized as income in the applicable membership period which is on a calendar-year basis.

In addition to other methods of obtaining new members, the Legion uses direct mail and other direct marketing approaches. The income generated from the direct membership solicitation is recognized in the applicable membership period (calendar year) and the expenses incurred to obtain these memberships are deferred and written off in the period which the income is recognized.

During 1985, the Legion embarked on a campaign to increase revenues through the sale of posters, cards and calendars. The revenue and expense related to this program have been deferred and will be matched in the proper period and written off accordingly.

Income from The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation and The American Legion Life Insurance Trust are recorded when received. These receipts are for projects and programs conducted in the year of receipt.

Pension Plan: The Legion has a defined-benefit pension plan covering substantially all of its employees, as well as those of certain affiliated and subordinated groups. The plan was established in 1944 by vote of the Legion's National Convention. Contributions to the plan are made by the Legion and other participating groups on the basis of annual actuarial valuations. The annual cost, as determined by the actuary, is computed using the aggregate-cost method and includes in normal cost any past service costs.

Federal Income Tax: The Legion is exempt from federal income tax (except on unrelated business income) under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

NOTE 2—INVESTMENTS (CURRENT FUND):

The cost and market value of Current Fund investments are as follows:

	December 31			
	1985		1984	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Segregated for Designated Funds:				
U. S. Government obligations	\$ 8,491,868	\$ 9,123,413	\$ 7,832,924	\$ 8,093,383
Accrued interest—restricted	258,233	258,233	188,110	188,110
Money market accounts	280,000	280,000	—	—
Uninvested cash	27,477	27,477	89,351	89,351
	<u>9,057,578</u>	<u>9,689,123</u>	<u>8,110,385</u>	<u>8,370,844</u>
Segregated for Washington, D.C. building:				
U. S. Government obligations	518,179	527,044	503,007	489,506
Other:				
U. S. Government obligations	18,099,472	18,309,955	16,687,061	16,946,581
Certificates of deposit	—	—	200,000	200,000
	<u>18,099,472</u>	<u>18,309,955</u>	<u>16,887,061</u>	<u>17,146,581</u>
Total investments	<u>\$27,675,229</u>	<u>\$28,526,122</u>	<u>\$25,500,453</u>	<u>\$26,006,931</u>

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NOTE 3—CAPITAL AND OPERATING LEASES:

The Legion has entered into lease agreements (which are accounted for as capital leases) for the rental of computer and copying equipment. The Legion has options to purchase the equipment or to extend the leases at the end of the original lease terms. The Legion is liable for property taxes, insurance, and repairs and maintenance in connection with the leased equipment. Cost and accumulated amortization of capitalized leases were \$535,497 and \$407,100 at December 31, 1985 and \$499,362 and \$299,700 at December 31, 1984. Future minimum payments on these leases, together with the present value of the payments, are as follows:

Years ending December 31:	
1986	\$ 31,397
1987	31,397
1988	31,397
1989	31,397
1990	31,397
1991	31,397
Total future minimum payments	188,382
Less: Amount representing interest (approximately 13%)	64,352
Present value of future minimum payments	<u>\$124,030</u>

The Legion also rents other computer equipment, copiers, and cash registers under operating leases. Total rental expense on these operating leases was approximately \$110,000 in 1985 and \$96,000 in 1984.

In addition, the Legion has a lease with the State of Indiana for rental of the National Headquarters building in Indianapolis through November, 1989. According to the terms of the lease, in lieu of rental payments the Legion is required to maintain the interior of the building, as well as provide adequate insurance on the building. The cost of maintenance and insurance approximated \$291,000 in 1985 and \$281,000 in 1984. The Legion has the option of renewing the lease on the same terms through November, 1993.

NOTE 4—RESTRICTED AND DESIGNATED FUNDS:

Receipts which are restricted by the donor are credited to the appropriate restricted fund, against which all expenditures for the related project or program are charged. Periodically, the Legion may add to restricted funds through allocations from unappropriated funds for specific future purposes and projects.

The Restricted Fund, a designated fund, is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund, as well as principal, can be expended only on the recommendation of the National Finance Committee and a two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee at two successive meetings. It is the policy of The American Legion to transfer 10% of the prior year's net income to the Restricted Fund. The effect of this for 1985 is \$275,825.

The Reserve Fund, a designated fund, also is restricted as to use by action of the National Finance Commission and National Executive Committee. Earnings of the Fund may be used for the general operations of the Legion, but the principal can be expended only:

- (a) By action of the Legion at its national convention, or
- (b) By two-thirds affirmative vote of the National Executive Committee in two successive meetings not less than sixty days apart.

NOTE 5—APPROPRIATED FUNDS AND INTERFUND TRANSFERS:

The balances of appropriated funds were as follows:

	December 31, 1984	Adjustment And Transfers	December 31, 1985
Publications Reserve	\$ 397,939	\$(397,939)	\$ —
Computer Reserve	—	500,000	500,000
Real Estate Reserve	841,977		841,977
Convention Reserve	100,000		100,000
Employee Insurance Premium Stabilization Reserve	57,561	42,439	100,000
Totals	<u>\$1,397,477</u>	<u>\$ 144,500</u>	<u>\$1,541,977</u>

NOTE 6—NONEXPENDABLE FUNDS:

The earnings of the Overseas Graves Decoration Fund are being used to honor, preserve and decorate the graves of those who served in the United States armed forces who are buried overseas. The Fund is to continue at the will of the National Convention of the Legion or the National Executive Committee. The Fund's trust agreement may be amended, changed or succeeded at the will of the National Executive Committee, provided that the purpose for which the Fund was created is retained.

In October, 1974, the National Executive Committee approved the establishment of a life membership plan available to any member of a participating department. In accordance with the plan, the assets of the Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund are segregated in a trust account from which funds equal to the annual dues of life members are withdrawn for current operations each year. The trust agreement provides that the Legion has the right to withdraw part or all of the assets of the trust account and to modify or terminate the trust agreement at its discretion.

Changes in Nonexpendable Funds during the year ended December 31, 1985 are as follows:

	Overseas Graves Decoration Fund	Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund
Revenue:		
Paid-Up-For-Life membership dues collected		\$ 642,676
Investment income	\$ 60,129	540,459
	<u>60,129</u>	<u>1,183,135</u>
Expenses:		
Membership dues withdrawn		443,058
Decoration of graves:		
European Theatre	13,020	
Philippine Islands	500	
Administrative expense	12	83,069
Trust fees		14,893
	<u>13,532</u>	<u>541,020</u>
Excess of revenue over expenses	46,597	642,115
Fund balances, January 1, 1985	557,535	4,780,165
Fund balances, December 31, 1985	<u>\$604,132</u>	<u>\$5,422,280</u>

The cost and market value of investments in the Nonexpendable Funds are as follows:

	December 31			
	1985		1984	
	Cost	Market Value	Cost	Market Value
Overseas Graves Decoration Fund:				
U. S. Government obligations	\$ 584,230	\$ 610,287	\$ 509,462	\$ 513,960
Paid-Up-For-Life Membership Fund:				
U. S. Government obligations	\$3,495,042	\$3,712,742	\$2,694,558	\$2,750,294
Commercial paper	—	—	217,000	217,000
Money market accounts	941,182	941,182	1,110,694	1,110,694
Common stocks	907,421	1,202,619	622,288	702,038
Total investments	<u>\$5,343,645</u>	<u>\$5,856,543</u>	<u>\$4,644,540</u>	<u>\$4,780,026</u>

NOTE 7—AMERICAN LEGION ENDOWMENT FUND CORPORATION:

The American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation (the Endowment Fund) was incorporated in 1925 as a not-for-profit corporation with perpetual existence to act as trustee for the American Legion Endowment Fund, which was created to provide permanent funding for rehabilitation of American veterans and assistance to orphans of veterans. In August, 1946, the Legion transferred securities having a market value of \$2,001,000 to the Endowment Fund. The assets transferred have been held segregated by the Endowment Fund and the principal related to the 1946 transfer, which had a market value of \$1,904,739 at December 31, 1985, may be withdrawn by the Legion, if needed, for rehabilitation of veterans or assistance to orphans of veterans.

Income earned on the investments of the Endowment Fund, net of administrative expenses, is payable to the Legion to support its programs for the above-mentioned purposes. In addition to the amount received from the Endowment Fund of \$615,096 in 1985, there was \$157,826 at December 31, 1985, in net investment earnings of the Endowment Fund, which was payable to the Legion.

NOTE 8—LIFE INSURANCE TRUST:

In connection with The American Legion's Life Insurance Plan, the Legion has created a Trust to which the First National Bank of Kansas City, Missouri, as Trustee, holds legal title. The accumulated earnings of the Trust funds and any experience rating refunds and dividends received from the insurers, which aggregate to approximately \$5,566,000 as of December 31, 1985, are available for any of the following purposes, if approved by the Legion:

- To increase the Trust fund.
- To reduce or pay in full the life insurance premiums thereafter due from participants.
- To provide additional life insurance benefits for the participants.
- To make refunds to the participants.
- To make distributions to the Legion in support of its activities and programs serving the interest of the Legion and its members, provided that such distributions are not disapproved in writing by a majority of the participants.

In accordance with the provisions of item (e) above, the Legion's National Executive Committee has approved partial funding of the oratorical contest, Boys' Nation, American Legion Baseball, and other programs of the Legion. At December 31, 1985, \$1,162,619 in Trust Funds had been approved for use in designated programs during 1986.

NOTE 9—PENSION PLAN:

Pension expense under the defined-benefit pension plan in which the Legion participates was \$533,643 in 1985. Accumulated plan benefit information, as estimated by the plan's actuary, and net assets of the plan allocable to The American Legion National Headquarters were as follows:

	January 1	
	1985	1984
Actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits:		
Vested	\$10,256,665	\$ 9,480,679
Nonvested	885,154	1,029,383
Totals	<u>\$11,141,819</u>	<u>\$10,510,062</u>
Net assets available for plan benefits (at market value)	<u>\$12,729,126</u>	<u>\$11,684,688</u>

The assumed rate of return used in determining the actuarial present value of accumulated plan benefits was 6%.

NOTE 10—LITIGATION:

The Legion is currently involved as a co-defendant in several legal actions. It is the opinion of the National Judge Advocate that any ultimate liability of the Legion will not be material to the financial statements.

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The American Legion
National Headquarters
Indianapolis, Indiana

OPINION ON SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

We have examined and reported separately on the basic financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters as of December 31, 1985 and 1984 and for the year ended December 31, 1985.

The examinations referred to above were made for the purpose of forming an opinion on those financial statements of The American Legion National Headquarters taken as a whole. The supplementary information as listed in the accompanying table of contents is presented for purposes of additional analysis and is not a required part of the basic financial statements. Such supplementary information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the examination of the basic financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly stated in all material respects in relation to the basic financial statements taken as a whole.

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THE AMERICAN LEGION

Analysis of Unappropriated Re Year Ended Dec

	National Officers, Commissions And Committees	Internal Programs (primarily Indianapolis)	External Activities (primarily Washington, D. C.)
REVENUE:			
National dues		\$ 7,267,282	\$ 660,211
Sales of Emblem items			
Advertising revenue		2,171,211	
Investment income		973,772	
Direct membership solicitation			
American Legion Endowment Fund			
Corporation income received		184,529	430,567
Amounts withdrawn from American Legion			
Life Insurance Trust Fund		705,058	
Other restricted income		237,168	20,000
Other income	\$ 5,000	223,977	28,928
	<u>5,000</u>	<u>11,762,997</u>	<u>1,139,706</u>
EXPENSES:			
Salaries	220,469	1,685,741	1,629,322
Employee benefits		1,244,106	
Cost of sales			
Direct publication expenses			
Executive and staff travel	311,696	173,638	99,814
Commission and committee	1,114,525		
Operational	7,417	2,375,695	76,793
Office	1,734	1,622,469	162,640
Occupancy		276,145	
Special projects and programs	47,009	(212,981)	406,061
	<u>1,702,850</u>	<u>7,164,813</u>	<u>2,374,630</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES	<u><u>\$(1,697,850)</u></u>	<u><u>\$ 4,598,184</u></u>	<u><u>\$(1,234,924)</u></u>

Affiliated Organizations

During the 1985-1986 administrative year, the American Legion Auxiliary raised and invested nearly \$15.5 million in programs to help people and instill a sense of pride in America. These wives, mothers, sisters, daughters and granddaughters of Legionnaires and other eligible veterans recorded more than five million volunteer hours. If translated into paid hours at minimum wage, the time freely given is worth an additional 20 million dollars to the American public.

Organized more than 65 years ago as an aide to The American Legion, the Auxiliary echoes the policies and philosophy of the Legion while maintaining its own unique identity within the community. The scope of the Auxiliary has

broadened over the years to encompass not only the veterans and their families, but to serve the welfare of the entire community.

Under the leadership of National President Josie Melgard, Auxiliary members have worked to "Keep the Stars and Stripes Forever Above America" through its many programs. The National President focused her attention on Children & Youth this year, making the public aware of the special dangers faced by today's children. Nearly \$1.5 million was put into these programs, with emphasis placed on the prevention of child abduction and molestation, drug and alcohol abuse, and the prevention of teenage suicide. Auxiliary Units recorded 900,000 volunteer hours in programs geared to young people and their future.

Girls State is an important annual Auxiliary program. Over \$4 million is spent in 49 states to give 20,000 girls an introduction into state and

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Revenue And Expenses by Function
December 31, 1985

Functions		Self-Supporting Functions			
Administration		Total General Functions	Emblem Division	Publications Division	Total All Functions
Indianapolis	Washington, D. C.				
		\$ 7,927,493		\$6,604,528	\$14,532,021
			\$5,018,952		5,018,952
		2,171,211		3,240,602	3,240,602
		973,772			2,171,211
					973,772
		615,096			615,096
\$ 17,896		722,954			722,954
		257,168			257,168
91,180	\$ 6,000	355,085		261,564	616,649
109,076	6,000	13,022,779	5,018,952	10,106,694	28,148,425
783,745	412,156	4,731,433	435,842	618,437	5,785,712
		1,244,106			1,244,106
35,648		35,648	3,043,542	291,464	3,370,654
				7,644,248	7,644,248
14,961	12,135	612,244	24,868	19,131	656,243
		1,114,525			1,114,525
44,107	29,483	2,533,495	200,657	39,454	2,773,606
67,493	66,332	1,920,668	236,652	185,642	2,342,962
286,839	187,361	750,345	16,545	58,549	825,439
(146,836)	145,233	238,386	361,228	523,182	1,122,796
1,085,857	852,700	13,180,850	4,319,334	9,380,107	26,880,291
\$(976,781)	\$(846,700)	\$(158,071)	\$ 699,618	\$ 726,587	\$ 1,268,134

local government. Girls Nation requires an additional expenditure of over \$100,000 to bring 98 Girls Nation Senators to Washington, DC, for the annual session on the federal government.

Helping young leaders after high school graduation is also a concern of the Auxiliary, which awarded just over \$911,800 in scholarships on the Unit, Department and National levels. Of that figure, \$128,000 was awarded by the Past Presidents Parley to aspiring nurses, for the Auxiliary believes the need for nurses has never been greater.

Over three million volunteer hours were recorded in Community Service. The total raised and spent on programs to improve the quality of life reached \$2,721,832. Many of our Junior members, girls under the age of 18, participated in this program, as well as in Veterans Affairs and Rehabilitation.

Even though the Auxiliary focused its attention

on the youth of America this year, its primary purpose was not forgotten — aid to the veterans and their families. The Auxiliary provided many volunteer services to augment those provided by the federal budget. During the past year, that aid amounted to over \$6.1 million and donated time that would have cost the American taxpayer over \$3 million.

The Eight and Forty is an affiliated organization of the Auxiliary; thus it is also affiliated with the Legion. The Eight and Forty again focused its attention on the problems of children suffering from lung and respiratory diseases. More than 28,000 children were aided by the \$844,977 raised by the Partners. A long-time supporter of the National Jewish Hospital, the Eight and Forty raised \$45,342 for this facility. This year, the Partners budgeted \$60,000 for scholarships to nursing students who would like additional training in the field of respiratory medicine.

THE AMERICAN LEGION NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS

Reconciliation of Audited Financial Statements to Internal Financial Statements Year Ended December 31, 1985

	Total Current Fund
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES— INTERNAL FINANCIAL STATEMENTS:	
Page 1.....	\$1,268,134
ADD:	
Excess of revenue over expenses for certain designated and restricted funds not included in internal financials—principally The Restricted Fund—exhibit B, sheet 2 (page 7)	<u>676,053</u>
EXCESS OF REVENUE OVER EXPENSES— AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS— exhibit B, sheet 1 (page 5)	<u><u>\$1,944,187</u></u>

American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation

Robert Charles Smith (LA) President

between The American Legion and the Corporation was signed in accordance with which the funds are administered by the Corporation with the annual net investment income being paid to The American Legion for use in the two programs involved.

The operations and financial condition of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation for each of the last five years are summarized below (taken from the annual audit reports prepared by Geo. S. Olive & Co., Indianapolis, Indiana).

Foreseeing the necessity of a recurring income source for funding its war veterans rehabilitation and child welfare programs, The American Legion conducted a national campaign in 1925 which raised approximately \$5 million for this purpose. The funds contributed were entrusted to the custody of the American Legion Endowment Fund Corporation.

The Corporation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware in 1925 and a trust agreement

	December 31 1985	December 31 1984	December 31 1983	December 31 1982	December 31 1981
Total assets	<u>\$7,351,453</u>	<u>\$7,340,044</u>	<u>\$7,314,933</u>	<u>\$7,310,964</u>	<u>\$7,316,357</u>
Investments—at cost	<u>\$7,260,235</u>	<u>\$7,250,912</u>	<u>\$7,243,536</u>	<u>\$7,221,538</u>	<u>\$7,120,407</u>
Interest income	\$ 639,808	\$ 626,405	\$ 616,218	\$ 639,065	\$ 629,892
Expenses	<u>31,237</u>	<u>27,469</u>	<u>23,225</u>	<u>20,920</u>	<u>25,712</u>
Excess income over expense	<u>\$ 608,571</u>	<u>\$ 598,936</u>	<u>\$ 592,993</u>	<u>\$ 618,145</u>	<u>\$ 604,180</u>
Funds transferred to The American Legion	<u>\$ 615,096</u>	<u>\$ 580,612</u>	<u>\$ 585,690</u>	<u>\$ 606,384</u>	<u>\$ 602,850</u>
Average yield on book value of investments	8.90%	8.92%	8.80%	8.85%	8.73%



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Presentation in winner's circle to the winning owner by the NATIONAL COMMANDER — 2:20 P.M.





**68th National Convention
THE AMERICAN LEGION**

FREE ADMISSION TO GRANDSTAND

KENTUCKY THOROUGHBRED RACING at
Turfway Park.

Wed., Sept. 3: 7:00 p.m. Post Time (Inaugural Handicap)

Thurs., Sept. 4: 7:00 p.m. Post Time

Fri., Sept. 5: 7:00 p.m. Post Time

Sat., Sept. 6: 1:30 p.m. Post Time (Fairway Fun Stakes)

Sun., Sept. 7: 1:30 p.m. Post Time

Coupon Good for Free Admission to Grandstand

Directions: I-75 South 12-miles to Turfway Road Exit

(See add on page 21 in program for more information.

Coupon valid only for dates listed above.)



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COMMEMORATIVE DECANTER

The 1986 commemorative bottle is in the shape of an old world beer stein. This commemorative bottle may be ordered by mail and it will contain non-alcoholic Amaretto.

Please ship _____ commemorative stein(s) at \$22.50 each plus \$3.50 handling and UPS shipping charge for each stein. Amount enclosed _____. Cannot ship to Post Office box. **Mail order to: American Legion Convention Corp. of Ohio, P.O. Box 14348, Columbus, OH 43214.**

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Street _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

THIRD ANNUAL NATIONAL EMBLEM SALES GIFT CERTIFICATE GIVEAWAY

20 WINNERS!!

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20-\$20 GIFT CERTIFICATES



Only **Three Rules** to enter:

1. Open to members of The American Legion, American Legion Auxiliary and Sons of The American Legion only.
2. Please fill out the form below—**COMPLETELY**.
3. Please drop the completed form in the box provided at any of the following Emblem Sales locations:

DEADLINE FOR ENTRIES: SEPTEMBER 3, 1986 — 12:00 NOON

Gift Certificates will be sent to winners after September 22, 1986.

**Convention Center
Entrance Foyer**

**Clarion Hotel
Ballroom Coat Check**

Open daily at 9 A.M.
beginning Friday, August 29
through Thursday, September 4.

NAME: _____

MEMBERSHIP
CARD NUMBER: _____

STREET ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____

STATE: _____

ZIP: _____



The American Legion's Family Benefit Plan

NOW EXPANDED!

NOW THERE ARE MORE REASONS THAN EVER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

The Family Benefit Plan has been expanded for the remainder of this year by making four more discount opportunities available to Legionnaires. Renew now and take advantage of the discount offerings listed below. Contact your Post, Department or National Headquarters for more information. **Remember** to call ahead as advance reservations are required with travel-related discounts.



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ALLSTATE MOTOR CLUB: 10% discount on club membership and associated benefits. Spouse receives full membership benefits at no extra cost.

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ATLAS: Save 23% by moving with Atlas. As a member of the American Legion you will receive a 23% discount on your interstate move. Your discount may even be greater! Call 1-800-VIP-MOVE (in Indiana call 1-800-742-3094) or call your local Atlas agent in the yellow pages.

AVIS: For continental U.S., 10% off Avis Super Value Daily rates, 5% off Avis Super Value Inner-city rates; 40% off normal time and mileage rates at all corporate and participating licensees. Use special Avis/Legion ID Number: A/G 343600.

BEST WESTERN: 10% discount on room rates at participating properties. Nearly 2,000 North American properties make Best Western the largest lodging chain in the USA and Canada. To find the "right place to stay at the right price," call the toll-free number on this page.

LA QUINTA: Save 10% on rooms at over 150 La Quinta Motor Inns across the country. To receive the discounted rate, American Legion members should present their membership card and request the preferred customer commercial rate. Show Legion ID upon check-in and use ID Number Ad3.

MARRIOTT: Receive Marriott's corporate rate by contacting Marriott's toll-free number on this page or by contacting the individual hotel directly, specifically requesting the corporate rate. Special weekend rates may be obtained by asking for the hotel's lowest available rate when making reservations. It is incumbent upon Legion members to ask for the lowest available rate when making reservations.

NATIONAL CAR RENTAL: At participating locations nationwide, special American Legion pre-discounted unlimited mileage rates, reduced from 10-40%. Use special Legion ID Number: 5176669.

RAMADA: Ramada Supersaver Weekend per person, double occupancy rates from \$12.50 to \$19.95 at participating hotels. Also, ask about Ramada's Family Bonus Plan (4 stay-1 pays, kids under 12 eat free, plus \$5 savings off next Ramada visit).

RODEWAY INNS: Minimum of 10% off the current rate on all rooms. Does not apply to already discounted rates: certain blackout periods may apply.

SEA WORLD: 15% discount off the regular admission price to all Sea World Properties & Cypress Gardens in Orlando, Fla., as well as Sea World Properties in San Diego, Calif., Aurora, Ohio (near Cleveland) and soon to open Sea World of Texas (in San Antonio). Legionnaires need only show current, valid Legion membership card. Discount is extended to guests accompanying Legion members.

THRIFTY RENT-A-CAR: LOW unlimited mileage rates for American Legion members when renting in the continental United States. From \$29 for a subcompact to \$35 for full size.

UNITED VAN LINES: 20% off your next interstate move (excluding Alaska and Hawaii). Call your nearest United Van Lines agent for more details.

THE AMERICAN LEGION LIFE INSURANCE PLAN: Any American Legion member in good standing under age 70 may now purchase up to 12 units of insurance coverage at a cost of only \$24 a year for each unit. To participate, a Legionnaire must meet the underwriting requirements of the insurance company. For further information, call 1-312-559-2201 or write The American Legion Life Insurance Plan, P.O. Box 5609, Chicago, IL 60680.

NOTE: These discount offers are valid only at participating locations and are not valid with any other discounts or special prices. The American Legion does not guarantee any discount.

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